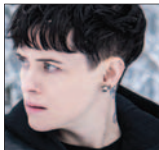


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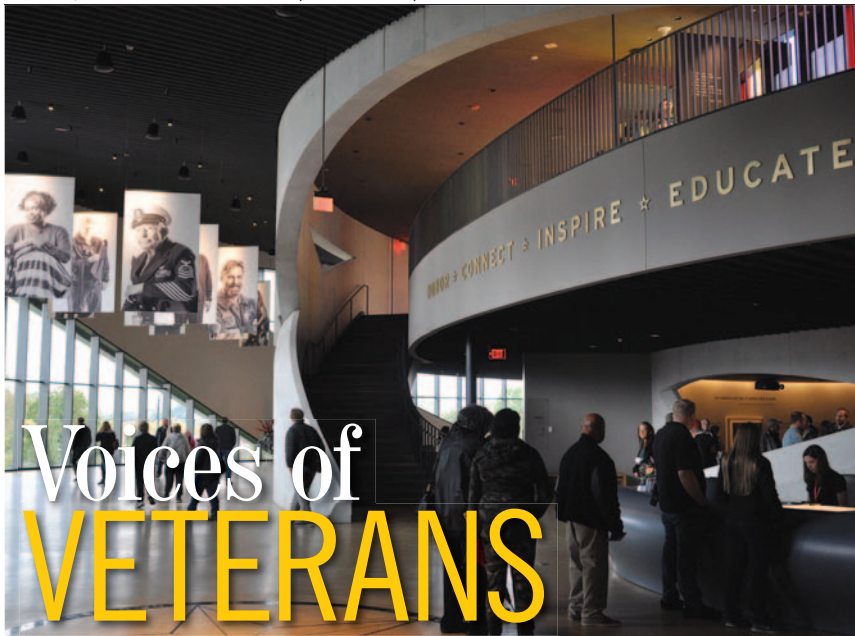
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Voices of VETERANS

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Visitors arrive Oct. 28 in the lobby of the new National Veterans Memorial and Museum. Photos of veterans hang from the ceiling, and stated on the wall are the four goals of the museum: honor, connect, inspire, educate. Below: An exterior view of the museum.

New museum in Ohio is salute to stories, not war

BY NIKKI WENTLING
 Stars and Stripes

RCOLUMBUS, Ohio retired Col. Thomas Moe, a former fighter pilot and prisoner of war, stepped up to an exhibit at the new National Veterans Memorial and Museum, where he spotted a photo of himself with his wife, Christine.

The photo, taken recently, was attached to the lid of a Vietnam War-era military trunk. He lifted

it and saw more photos: their wedding photo from 1965. One of the couple as they left for their honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains. And one taken later — Moe at 23 on Danang Air Base in South Vietnam.

The moment Moe lifted the lid, a recording of his wife's voice started playing. "I knew he was going to be deployed, and I just kept trying to not think about it," you could hear her say.

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A U.S. soldier holds the flag during the World War I armistice centennial ceremony Sunday at the Suresnes American Cemetery and Memorial.

In observance of WWI's end, leaders urged to keep peace

BY JOHN LEICESTER,
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 Associated Press

PARIS — World leaders with the power to make war but a duty to preserve peace solemnly marked the end of World War I's slaughter 100 years ago at commemorations Sunday that drove home the message "never again" but also exposed the globe's new political fault lines.

As Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin and dozens of other heads of state and government listened in silence, French President Emmanuel Macron used the occasion, as its host, to sound a powerful and sobering warning about the fragility of peace and the dangers of nationalism and of nations that put themselves first, above the collective good.

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MILITARY

Yokota airman killed in Tokyo stabbing identified

By SETH ROBSON
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Air Force officials have identified an airman stabbed to death Friday outside the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo.

Master Sgt. Nicholas Vollweiler, 35, was stabbed with a knife at his home just outside Yokota's east gate in the city of Tachikawa and taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead, multiple Japanese media reports said.

Vollweiler was assigned to the 374th Security Forces Squadron, according to an Air Force statement issued Sunday.

A woman identifying herself as Aria Saito, 27, an office worker from Tokyo's Koto ward, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of attempted murder, a Tokyo Metropolitan Police spokesman said. Police were expected to upgrade the charge to murder.

"I stabbed a man I was dating with a knife, aiming at his right neck," Saito told investigators, according to Japanese broadcaster TBS. She also said the incident happened after "break up talk got complicated."

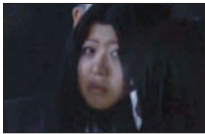
Col. Otis Jones, 374th Airlift Wing commander, called Vollweiler "a truly valued airman" who will be "dearly missed by our community."

"His family, friends, fellow defenders, and all of the Yokota community are in our prayers during



DIANA QUINLAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Nicholas Vollweiler, then an Air Force staff sergeant, works with a military working dog during controlled aggression training at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, in 2013.



Screenshot from ANN News

Aria Saito was arrested Friday near Yokota Air Base, Japan.

this heartbreaking time," Jones said in the Air Force statement. Pennsylvania television station WNEP reported that Vollweiler

was a graduate of Pleasant Valley High School in the Poconos. His cousin, Lou Romeo, a photographer with the station, described him as a hero in the report.

"The first day he put on that uniform, he knew what he wanted to do," Romeo said. "I regret not facing him one-on-one and looking in his eye and shaking his hand and saying thank you for serving and protecting us."

The Air Force will continue to work with Japanese police to investigate Vollweiler's death, the Air Force statement said.

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Pilot error caused deadly plane crash, report finds

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The cause of a military plane crash that left nine people dead outside Savannah, Ga., was pilot error, according to a report by the U.S. Air Force Accident Investigation Board.

Nine airmen from the Puerto Rico National Guard died May 2 when the plane plunged onto Georgia Highway 21 shortly after take-off from the Savannah airport.

"The purpose of the investigation was to identify the cause and contributing factors that led to this tragic and unfortunate incident," said Accident Investigation Board team leader Brig. Gen. John C. Millard. "By conducting a thorough review and investigation, we hope to provide answers to the families of brave Airmen that lost

their lives and prevent future occurrences and tragedies."

Millard's team spent close to a month reviewing an array of evidence including interviews, logs, video, briefing materials, and inspection of aircraft wreckage before assembling a detailed sequence of events surrounding the crash.

According to the report, the left outermost engine experienced problems and investigators found that the crew's mismanagement of the malfunction deviated from standard procedures. Failure to follow those procedures made further action by the pilot result in loss of control of the aircraft, causing it to crash.

The plane was assigned to a crew from the 156th Airlift Wing in Muniz Air Base from Puerto Rico.

Soldier found dead at home outside Lewis-McChord

Stars and Stripes

A 7th Infantry Division soldier was found dead Wednesday in an off-post residence near Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., the Army announced Thursday.

Maj. Robert Hockman, 46, originally from Memphis, Tenn., enlisted in 2002 and was eventually commissioned as a field artillery officer, an Army statement said. At the time of his death, Hockman served as a knowledge management officer.

"The Bayonet Division is saddened by this tragic loss of a valued member of our team," Col.

Kyle Marsh, the 7th Infantry Division Chief of Staff, said in the statement. "Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends."

Hockman's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

The circumstances surrounding Hockman's death are under investigation, the Army said.

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‘I get to actually do what I was meant to do’

Artillery relocation program brings battalion's worth of equipment, Marines to mainland Japan

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FUJI, Japan — On a recent chilly morning in the shadow of a snow-capped Mount Fuji, a battery of Okinawa-based Marines hauled 100-pound rounds of artillery munitions across their base camps on a range at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji.

The task — along with other efforts assigned during an Artillery Relocation Training Program exercise late last month — aimed to simulate challenges the group might face during combat missions.

The 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines participated in the 10-day ARTP exercise through early this month. Along with the 450 Marines and sailors from three batteries came a battalion's worth of equipment, including about 12 howitzers, multiple 7-ton tactical vehicles, Humvees, forklifts, wreckers, guns, protective gear and ammunition.

For more than 20 years, the Japanese government has been paying to move U.S. military personnel and equipment from Okinawa to mainland Japan for artillery training.

The arrangement started after the United States agreed in 1996 to end live-fire drills on Okinawa “to reduce the burden on the people of Okinawa and thereby strengthen the U.S.-Japan alliance,” according to a Japan-U.S. Special Action Committee report from the time.

Still, the U.S. was obligated to keep up its artillery proficiency to defend Japan under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. The countries then devised ARTP, in which Japan pays to relocate equipment and servicemembers needed for artillery drills on the mainland four times a year in one of five sites from Hokkaido to Shizuoka prefectures.

The training typically involves an entire battalion twice a year with smaller, battery-sized events during the other sessions. The number of live-fire days cannot exceed 35 in a year and must be split among training sites. Individual sites can be used for only a maximum of 10 days annually, according to the agreement.

Capt. Andrew Horgan, commander of the head-quarters battery company that participated in the recent exercise at Camp Fuji, said having the chance to practice shooting artillery is essential to keeping up proper defense proficiency.

“If we can't shoot, there could be a loss at how effective we are,” he said. “To want a cannon to execute properly, it's ballet with a 100-pound round.”

Challenging terrain

The opportunity to practice in various environments helps prepare Marines to operate in chal-



Okinawa-based Marines take part in a recent Artillery Relocation Training Program exercise at Camp Fuji, Japan.

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lenging terrains that they may not be accustomed to, said 3rd Battalion commander Lt. Col. Richard Robinson III.

“ARTP provides access to some of the premiere training grounds throughout Japan,” he said. “It provides the Marines a look at some different environments, some different climates, some different maneuver areas that have different geographical challenges to meet and adapt to.”

The wild grass in the North Fuji training area towered more than six feet high during the recent ARTP, making maneuverability through uncut areas nearly impossible. The black, volcanic rock that covers the area's uneven ground made for tricky topography on long hikes. And in late fall, temperatures in the heightened-altitude region dipped into the low 40s at night as servicemembers slept in sleeping bags outside.

“It's realistic training in a stress-induced environment,” said Lt. Jack Perham, a fire support officer. “These are things we can't do in a simulator. We train how we would actually be operating.”

Hospital Corpsman Cory Boles said the exercise helped sharpen

Okinawa Marines train in Mount Fuji's shadow
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his cold-weather medical skills. He kept a thermometer on his flak vest in case a Marine suffered hypothermia.

“This weather is different than other places, especially coming over from Okinawa where it's warm, and you come here it's a little chilly and windy,” Boles said. “I definitely appreciate that I get to hone my skills because it helps my Marines.”

The challenge was invigorating for Marines like Lance Cpl. Spencer McCarty.

“This is what I really joined [the Marine Corps] for,” he said while standing guard outside the headquarters battalion's base camp. “To be in the field, going to other countries and exploring.” ARTP served as the first field exercise for McCarty and fellow Marine Lance Cpl. Quentin Lacey, who graduated boot camp just a few months ago. Lacey said field training offers them priceless real-world experiences.

“Stuff doesn't always go as planned,” he said. “We're dealing with issues we've never seen

before just going off of what we knew from the schoolhouse. This is the only place you can learn it.”

All roles practiced

ARTP is not just for the cannoners firing the howitzers — every role in the battalion is practiced. Robinson said the exercise “provides the opportunity to practice all the other skill sets that we would need in moving forward to crisis response.”

“We practice embarkation, combat logistics and obviously the essential live-fire training that we do here, but also field training and combat medicine and maintenance, repair, supply,” Robinson said. “All the essential functions that keep us moving forward as a battalion, we all get the opportunity to do out here as part of the ARTP.”

Food service specialists Lance Cpl. Angel Torres and Lance Cpl. Alejandro Fernandezrubio said the exercise helped them practice keeping 120 of their fellow Alpha Battery Marines fed in the field while also practicing core skills.

“I get to actually do what I was meant to do,” Fernandezrubio

said of being able to do small-arms training at ARTP.

Torres and Fernandezrubio also worked security shifts outside of their regular culinary duties.

“I like it because being a cook is not all about being in the mess hall, but actually going out and being a Marine,” Torres said.

Cultural exchange

Though the exercise is supported by the Japanese government, not all Japanese citizens were pleased with the thundering booms that rattle the area during Camp Fuji's ARTP.

On Oct. 28, a group of protesters stood with signs outside the gates to the training area opposing use of the grounds for such purposes. Some protested the use of explosives so close to Mount Fuji, a UNESCO world heritage site viewed by many as a sacred place.

Others, including several Japan Ground Self-Defense Force servicemembers, were more welcoming. While on duty at a security point near an area on the training grounds where JGSDF members were working, some Marines had meaningful exchanges with their Japanese counterparts.

Lance Cpl. Stevie Harrison said he traded a pocket knife with a JGSDF private first class, who gave Harrison a pair of lotus-shaped rank pins and a JGSDF patch.

“I'll save them for souvenirs for the future and keep them in a safe place,” Harrison said. “As we were speaking, [the JGSDF soldier] also taught me about their rank structure. He was a leading PFC, which is like a corporal in the Marine Corps.”

Harrison also said some JGSDF servicemembers shared Japanese candy with several Marines. Just as he appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the Japanese culture, Harrison said the JGSDF servicemembers enjoyed learning about Marine equipment.

“They were amazed by our gear — they said they don't have armor plates in their flak [vests,]” Harrison said. “I thought it was pretty cool how curious they were when looking at our stuff.”

ARTP recently wrapped at Camp Fuji, and all equipment and personnel will soon return to Okinawa.

3rd Marine Division spokesman 2nd Lt. Gerard Callan said the exercise is an example of the U.S. commitment to its relationship with Japan.

“The U.S. and Japan have a long-standing history of cooperation as treaty allies for over 70 years,” he said. “We are committed to being good partners and will utilize these training opportunities to hone our warfighting skills to better provide for the defense of Japan.”

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WORLD WAR I

Peace: In message, Macron says old demons rising again

FROM FRONT PAGE

"The old demons are rising again, ready to complete their task of chaos and of death," Macron said.

"Patriotism is the exact opposite of nationalism. Nationalism is a betrayal of patriotism," he said. "In saying 'Our interests first, whatever happens to the others,' you erase the most precious thing a nation can have, that which makes it live, that which causes it to be great and that which is most important: its moral values."

Trump, ostensibly the main target of Macron's message, sat stony-faced. The American president has proudly declared himself a nationalist.

As well as spelling out the horrific costs of conflict to those with arsenals capable of waging a World War III, the ceremony also served up a joyful reminder of the intense sweetness of peace, when high school students read from letters that soldiers and civilians wrote 100 years ago when guns finally fell silent on the Western Front.

Brought alive again by people too young to have known global war themselves, the ghostly voices seemed collectively to say: Please, do not make our mistakes.

'Real joy'

"I only hope the soldiers who died for this cause are looking down upon the world today," American soldier Capt. Charles S. Normington wrote on Nov. 11, 1918, in one of the letters. "The whole world owes this moment of real joy to the heroes who are not here to help enjoy it."

The Paris weather — gray and damp — seemed aptly fitting when remembering a war fought in mud and relentless horror.

The commemorations started late, overshooting the centenary of the exact moment when, 100 years earlier at 11 a.m., an eerie silence replaced the thunder of war on the front lines. Macron recalled that 1 billion shells fell on France alone from 1914-18.

As bells marking the armistice hour rang across Paris and in many nations ravaged by the four years of carnage, Macron and other leaders were still on their way to the centennial site at the Arc de Triomphe.

Under a sea of black umbrellas, a line of leaders led by Macron and his wife, Brigitte, marched in a stony silence on the cobblestones of the Champs-Élysées after getting off buses.

Trump arrived separately, in a motorcade that drove past three topless protesters with anti-war slogans on their chests who somehow got through the rows of security and were quickly bundled away

by police. FEMEN, a feminist activist group, claimed responsibility. French authorities said the three women faced charges of sexual exhibitionism.

Last to arrive was Putin, who shook Trump's hand and flashed him a thumbs-up. German Chancellor Angela Merkel was positioned in between Trump and Macron, an eloquent symbol of victors and vanquished now standing together, shoulder to shoulder. Overhead, fighter jets ripped through the sky, trailing red, white and blue smoke in homage to the French flag.

The geographical spread of the more than 60 heads of state and government who attended, silent and reflective, showed how the "war to end all wars" left few corners of the earth untouched and which, little more than two decades later, was followed so quickly and catastrophically by the even deadlier World War II.

Other ceremonies

On the other side of the globe, Australia and New Zealand held ceremonies to recall how the war killed and wounded soldiers and civilians in unprecedented numbers and in gruesome new, mechanized ways.

Those countries lost tens of thousands of soldiers far away in Europe and, most memorably in the 1915 battle of Gallipoli, in Turkey. In central London, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, clad in black, watched from a balcony as her son, Prince Charles, laid a wreath on her behalf at the foot of the Cenotaph memorial that honors the fallen. Britain had 880,000 military dead in the war.

In Paris, the jewel that Germany sought to capture in 1914 but which the Allies fought successfully to defend, the armistice commemorations were being followed by the afternoon opening of a peace forum pushed by Macron.

Trump will be the most notable absentee at the forum, where Macron's defense of multilateralism will take center stage. Trump, who lives by an "America first" credo, visited the American cemetery at Suresnes on the outskirts of Paris before heading home.

On Saturday, he was criticized for canceling a visit to the Battle of Belleau Wood battleground northeast of Paris because of rain.

Remembered for brutal trench warfare and the first use of chemical weapons, the conflict pitted the armies of France, the British empire, Russia and the U.S. against a German-led coalition that included the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman empires. Almost 10 million soldiers died, sometimes tens of thousands on a single day.



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Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 605 present flags during the World War I armistice centennial ceremony at Suresnes American Cemetery and Memorial on Sunday in Suresnes, France.

Trump spends Veterans Day in France, honors WWI dead

By NIKKI WENTLING

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump spent Veterans Day in Paris, marking the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I with a speech honoring the American servicemen who died and those who returned home "bearing the lasting scars of war."

"It is our duty to preserve the civilization they defended and to protect the peace they so nobly gave their lives to secure one century ago," Trump said.

He spoke at the Suresnes American Cemetery in the western suburbs of Paris, the final resting place for 1,541 Americans who died in WWI.

Sunday marked the WWI centennial. The Allied powers — Britain, France, Russia, Italy and the United States — signed a ceasefire agreement with Germany in France at 11 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918.

The following year, the day was celebrated as Armistice Day. Congress made Nov. 11 a national holiday in 1938, and President Dwight Eisenhower changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day in 1954.

Across the globe Sunday, bells tolled at 11 a.m. local time to mark the anniversary of the armistice.

In France, Trump spoke about the Battle of Belleau Wood, where U.S. forces helped stop a German advance toward Paris.

"In that treacherous forest and the surrounding fields, American Marines, soldiers and Allied forces fought, and they fought through hell, to turn the tide of the war," Trump said. "We fought well together. You cannot fight better than we fought together."



Above: The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band plays in the rain as they wait for President Donald Trump to arrive. Below: Trump waves to the spectators after speaking during the ceremony.



Trump had canceled a planned visit Saturday to the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery. More than 2,000 American servicemen are buried there, many of whom died in the Battle of Belleau Wood. The White House cited bad weather that grounded his helicopter.

Trump announced in August he would be celebrating Veterans Day in Paris. At the same time, he canceled a military parade that had been planned for Nov. 10 in

Washington, citing cost concerns. A U.S. official said the price of the parade could top \$90 million. It was postponed until at least 2019.

Following his speech Sunday, Trump was scheduled to return to the U.S. "This has been a wonderful two days we spent in France," Trump said. "This is certainly the highlight of the trip."

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MILITARY

Anti-ISIS troops pause to reflect on war and sacrifice

By CHAD GARLAND
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Coalition troops in Baghdad paused for a two-minute silence Sunday morning to mark the centenary of the end of World War I in Europe, which coincides with Veterans Day in the U.S. and the British Remembrance Day holidays.

The hostilities of the war, which was also fought in what is modern-day Iraq and redrew the borders in the Middle East, ended in 1918 at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, according to an armistice signed that day.

"Being in Baghdad on the anniversary is something rather special because we are in a city which was a theater of war (100 years ago) ... and we are on operational duty ourselves," said Maj. Gen. Christopher Ghika, deputy commander of Operation Inherent Resolve, in a phone interview ahead of the ceremony. "It's unlikely to happen to any of us again."

The WWI campaign in what was called Mesopotamia, fought mainly between forces of the British and Ottoman empires, may have ended in 1918, but its ramifications are still evident today, especially in the Middle East.

A century on, dozens of nations that had been on opposite sides in that war are united in the region as a coalition in the anti-ISIS state campaign. The international alliance is made up of 74 nations and five international organizations.

"Whatever side they were on in the First World War, they're members of the coalition," Ghika said. "We are all united under one imperative, which is to see the lasting defeat of ISIS."

Veterans Day honors all who have served in the armed forces, whereas Remembrance Day, like Memorial Day in the U.S., honors all servicemembers who have died in the line of duty. Both holidays originated to mark the WWI armistice. The war officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in June 1919.

During Sunday's ceremony, the coalition's senior leaders laid wreaths to honor all fallen troops, including 39 coalition servicemembers who have died fighting ISIS.

"Their willingness to put themselves in harm's way, while serving on the frontiers of freedom and for the benefit of all mankind, is not forgotten," said Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera, the coalition's commanding general. "Looking across the audience today, I see the many uniforms and patches that make up our coalition — and it is astounding to me."

Ghika called on the gathering to remember not just those who have died but to "draw into sharp focus the cost of war, the impact on nations, the cost to nations, that evil must be confronted and the opportunity that every generation has to improve on what has gone before."

Called "the war to end all wars,"

WWI was an especially traumatizing conflict, but its end did not bring about the lasting peace many had hoped for in the century since. The war saw the advent of deadly weapons, and its aftermath led to the parceling up of swaths of Middle Eastern territory that for many remains contentious.

Modern-day Syria and Iraq, where forces are embattled today, are among the Great War's legacies, created as the victors carved up the Ottoman Empire's territory in the years afterward. Lebanon and Syria came under French rule, while Cyprus, Egypt and Sudan became colonies of the British Empire and Iraq and Palestine were declared British Mandates.

The postwar process of redrawing the region's borders has fueled continuing conflicts.

ISIS has claimed it seeks to reverse the effects of the Sykes-Picot Agreement, a secret pact between Britain and France during the war to divide up their spheres of influence in the Middle East upon the defeat of the Ottoman Empire.

The failure to create an independent Kurdistan after the war remains a source of tension in the region, most notably in Turkey and Iraq, where sizable Kurdish populations have sought secession — sometimes distracting from the anti-ISIS fight in recent years.

Last year in Iraq, Kurdish fight-

ers and federal troops clashed after the northern Kurds voted to break away from Baghdad, leading to months of negotiations to tamp down tensions. In Syria, the largely Kurdish forces partnered with the U.S.-led coalition have in recent months led the battlefield to fight Turkish forces who view them as terrorists.

Coalition forces continue to train Iraqi forces while building up the country's defensive capabilities, but the Pentagon's inspector general said earlier this month that defense officials believe Iraqi forces are "years, if not decades," from being able to operate without coalition support.

Meanwhile, ISIS has lost all of the territory it once held in Iraq and now controls only an estimated 1 percent of what it once held in Syria. The militant group operates as both a conventional force and an insurgency, and in Iraq, it has continued to attack security forces and assassinate local political and tribal leaders, intimidating the population and undermining confidence in security forces, the IG reported.

Sunday's ceremony was an opportunity to pause and reflect on those who have died and to commemorate their sacrifice, Ghika said, "and then we go back to the fight."

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Veterans Day holds special meaning for vets in capital

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL
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WASHINGTON — Each year, the number of World War II veterans attending ceremonies in their honor dwindles. As the years march on, the same holds true for the veterans of other wars. Yet the resolve of the remaining men and women galvanizes each year.

They come from across the nation to gather in places like the National World War II Memorial in Washington, brought together by diverse forces — none greater than the desire to keep the memory of the fallen alive.

"There is a special bond, an unwritten bond, an unexplainable bond between combat veterans," said Mel Gunderson, a Vietnam War veteran. "It means more than anything else in the world to me, other than my family."

Gunderson was an infantryman with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He and others in that unit came to the memorial to lay a wreath in the shape of the 1st Cavalry's insignia to honor men from the unit killed in World War II.

While few in number, there were still more than a dozen World War II veterans attending the ceremony as guests of honor. They ranged from nurses to combat veterans, and more than a few had attended such ceremonies in the past. Still, one veteran said, the World War II memorial never fails to impress.

"If I could pitch a tent out here, I would," said Harry Miller, a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge.

Miller, 90, is a relatively young World War II combat vet. He, like many young men at the time, lied about his age to enlist. He was 15 and saw combat at an age when most are more worried about getting a date than getting shot.

"I was lucky, I guess," Miller said of slipping through the cracks. He's one of the few from his unit, the 740th Tank Battalion, able to attend events like Sunday's wreath-laying. There are too few remaining for a proper reunion. The "Greatest Generation" will soon be the stuff of legend, heroes of film and lore. But Miller said they were much more than that.

They were just men, trying to survive.

"It was just something that had to be done, and a lot of people don't realize that," he said. "They think we're some kind of Superman or something, but we were just plain old Joe doing what they told us to do — trying to stay alive."

For Gunderson, laying his unit's wreath was a way to carry on the legacy of men just like that — only a generation apart. He has honored those men for two decades, saying it's just part of the bond among servicemembers that drives them to take care of one another.

"We did it there and we're still doing it," he said. "I'll do it until I can't walk anymore."

At that point, he said, he hopes somebody else — perhaps one of the servicemembers in attendance at Sunday's ceremony — will pick up the torch.

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VETERANS

A closer look at 3 faces on the exhibits

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At the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, there are stories. Here are three from veterans featured there.

Sgt. Jason Dominguez

Jason Dominguez sat among his fellow graduates at Ohio State University in 2004, his mortarboard covering his tightly shaved head, ready for deployment.

Dominguez was slated to go to Iraq with Lima Company, an Ohio-based Marine Reserve unit. He received special permission just that morning to attend his graduation.

Dominguez was determined to start his deployment. He enlisted in 2004 and had been ready to enter the fight since the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

"I was happy, and that day I literally packed up my stuff, put it in my car, put my dog tags on and waited for the call," Dominguez said. "I wanted to go. Our country had been hit, and many of us wanted to do something about it. But the call didn't come until much later, at the end of 2004."

During the graduation ceremony, Dominguez sat next to a woman who was moving to New York City for a marketing internship. On his other side was a man wanting to pursue a career in football. When Dominguez's turn to share his plans, he told them he had "a great opportunity overseas."

"Finally, I said I was going to Iraq and showed them my freshly shaven head," Dominguez said. "It was a sobering moment. ... Life still goes on over here in the U.S. But there's a cost to that, there's a price for freedom."

Dominguez deployed in 2005

and went on to become a squad leader in "Lucky Lima," named for its uneventful first weeks in Iraq. After enduring devastating losses — 22 Marines and one Navy corpsman within several months — his Reserve unit quickly became the face of the Iraq War.

Capt. Jaspén Boothe

Jaspén "Jas" Boothe, a member of the Army Reserve, was living in New Orleans preparing to deploy to Iraq, when Hurricane Katrina hit in August 2005.

She lost her home, and soon after, her health. One month after the hurricane, she was diagnosed with head, neck and throat cancer. She was homeless, jobless, a single parent trying to care for her son, and unable to deploy.

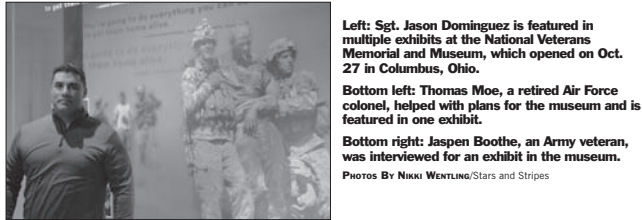
Boothe quickly discovered there were no services available specifically for homeless female veterans and their children. But three years later, Boothe — with a new home in Missouri and her cancer in remission — found herself in a position to help others.

She deployed to Kosovo with the Missouri National Guard in 2008. There, she met a woman — a housekeeper she was tasked with keeping safe. The woman was pregnant with a girl, and Boothe asked whether she was having a baby shower.

"Her friends and family were having enough of it and were trying to feed themselves," Boothe said. "For me, it was like, 'Every mom deserves a baby shower.'"

Boothe planned a Disney princess-themed shower and used interpreters for the games.

Boothe would later expose the insufficient aid for homeless female veterans and establish an organization to call attention to the problem.



Left: Sgt. Jason Dominguez is featured in multiple exhibits at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, which opened on Oct. 27 in Columbus, Ohio.

Bottom left: Thomas Moe, a retired Air Force colonel, helped with plans for the museum and is featured in one exhibit.

Bottom right: Jaspén Boothe, an Army veteran, was interviewed for an exhibit in the museum.

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"Our current days as a country, people are complaining about things that are wrong and broken," Boothe, now 40, said. "We need more people who are problem solvers."

Col. Thomas Moe

"Happiness is to be in a room where the door handle is on your side."

Retired Col. Thomas Moe credited a friend for saying that first, but it applies to him, too.

Moe, who flew 85 combat missions during the Vietnam War, was captured and held as a prisoner of war for five years in the "Hanoi Hilton," a notorious North Vietnamese prison camp

for American troops.

For nine months, he was isolated in a room the size of a small bathroom, the walls painted black, with only a single lightbulb. Later, Moe was allowed to enter a larger room with other POWs. They kept each other company; he taught them German, and they gave history lessons, discussed movies and told stories.

Moe bided his time by drawing designs for a home — a place where he could choose whether the doors were locked. When he was released in March 1973, it had been nearly six years since he saw his wife, Christine, and daughter, Connie, who was 3 months old when he left for the war.

Christine Moe was back in Ohio during the years of her husband's imprisonment, working, raising their daughter and saving money. When he returned, they took that money and bought a plot of land in Lancaster, about 30 miles southeast of Columbus.

Moe remained in the Air Force for 12 more years, and he continued flying. He insisted the military allow him to fly combat missions.

Eventually, the couple built the house Moe had designed in his cell in Hanoi.

"And now, we're living in that house," Moe, now 75, said.

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Stories: \$82M museum focuses on stories from veterans

FROM FRONT PAGE

"When it came to the day before, it hit me hard. I just sat apart. I just couldn't believe he was going to war."

Moe leaned in.

"Isn't that clever?" he asked.

It was his first look at the exhibit, part of a museum he helped design and build. Ohio residents, most of it from local donors. Leslie Wexner, a billionaire businessman and philanthropist from Dayton, Ohio, contributed \$40.6 million.

The idea started with one veteran. Astronaut John Glenn, a former Marine, U.S. senator and Ohio resident, wanted a special, sacred place to honor and connect veterans and teach others about their service.

"He wanted the experience to begin when people saw the building," said Amy Taylor, chief operating officer of the Columbus Downtown Development Corp.

The unique circular structure, designed by Allied Works Architecture in New York, is made of three sweeping, white concrete arches that spiral to a rooftop event space.

To decide its contents, a team of people, including Moe, traveled across the country to hold focus groups and interview veterans about what they wanted it to be.

One thing was certain: It wasn't going to be a war museum.

"You're not going to see tanks here, or planes hanging from the ceiling," Taylor said. "What you are going to see about how they do the stories — Why did someone decide to serve? What was it like to take the oath, serve in combat? What was it like to come home?"

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum includes stories of dozens of veterans of different genders, races and backgrounds — those in the public eye and others who are lesser known. Some served in combat, and some had different roles during their military service.

It features Jaspén "Jas" Boothe, of Arlington, Va., who worked as a human resources officer with the Missouri National Guard. After be-

coming home as a result of Hurricane Katrina, Boothe exposed the lack of resources for homeless female veterans and created an organization to bridge that gap.

"I wanted them to tell these stories that are not typically told," Boothe said. "In the media, it's always about combat or wounded, ill or injured troops, and service is so much more than that. To be able to learn about service and sacrifice that's not just about one gender or one conflict or just combat — this does that."

One part of the museum highlights more notable veterans, such as Glenn. Glenn formed the idea for the museum in 2012 to replace the old Franklin County Veterans Memorial Building, which used to sit on the spot along the Scioto River.

He died in December 2017, before construction was completed.

"Hopefully he's looking down and he's proud," Taylor said. "I think he would be."

To the right of Glenn's exhibit is one featuring William McNulty and Jake Wood, founders of Team Rubicon, a global response organization for veterans. Next to them is Sen. Tammy

Duckworth, D-Ill., a former Army helicopter pilot who lost both legs while serving in Iraq.

Also included is John McCain, the former U.S. senator, presidential candidate, naval aviator and POW who died in August. Next to a panel showing McCain in his D.C. office is an exhibit for Wes Moore, an Army combat veteran who founded the Robin Hood Foundation to fight poverty in New York City.

The museum conveys local stories, too — like that of former Marine Corps Sgt. Jason Dominguez.

Dominguez deployed to Iraq in 2005 with Lima Company — an Ohio-based unit that once was referred to as "Lucky Lima" because of an uneventful first few weeks in Iraq. That quickly changed. With several instances of devastating losses, the Reserve unit would become a face of the Iraq War.

Dominguez's friend, Col. Andre Williams, was shot and killed. Days later, a roadside explosion killed 14 Marines and an Iraq interpreter, 11 of them from Lima Company.

All but the youngest of the 22 Marines and one Navy corpsman

within several months.

The experience motivated Dominguez to live a life worthy of their sacrifice, he said. He believes the museum could help people who didn't serve in the military start to understand that.

"When you serve in the military, there's a change that occurs in you," Dominguez, now 38, said. "You will never be the same person again, and the lens through which you see the world changes as well. Those who have never served don't have any idea what it is to view the world through that lens. This museum is what that is."

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is at 300 West Broad Street in Columbus. It's open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

The museum is free for veterans and Gold Star families. Admission is \$17 for adults 18 to 64, \$15 for those 65 and older, \$10 for ages 5 to 17 and free for children under 5.

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VETERANS

VA secretary planning requested budget cuts

By NIKKI WENTLING
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WASHINGTON—Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie said Friday that he has begun forming a plan to cut the agency's budget as President Donald Trump requested during a Cabinet meeting last month.

But Wilkie refused to go into specifics about his thoughts on reducing the VA's budget, saying he had yet to share them with Trump.

"I have been asked to offer ideas," Wilkie said during a luncheon speech at the National Press Club. "I can't tell you because I haven't presented it to the president."

Trump made the budget request of each secretary in his Cabinet during an October meeting, citing an increase in spending in his first two years as president. He

"I am convinced that the budget that gets through both chambers will replace this last budget as the largest in our history."

Robert Wilkie
Department of Veterans Affairs secretary

told Cabinet secretaries to "get rid of the fat" and suggested the cuts could be as much as 5 percent of each department's budget.

Though Wilkie came up with ideas to reduce costs, he said he still believes next year's budget could be bigger than the last one. In September, Congress appropriated \$209 billion for the VA in fiscal year 2019, which began Oct. 1. The budget was another in a series of increases during the last decade for the agency, which had a spending plan of \$90 billion in 2009.

"In the last presidential campaign, the president committed

with everything he had to making sure the Department of Veterans Affairs was the most robust it's ever been," Wilkie said. "I am convinced that the budget that gets through both chambers will replace this last budget as the largest in our history."

Wilkie was invited by the National Press Club to speak ahead of Veterans Day on Sunday. After a short speech, he took questions from the audience, which included reporters, VA employees and veterans advocates.

He answered one question about how he would handle a divided Congress.

As a result of the midterm elections Tuesday, Democrats will gain control of the House. It's likely House Democrats will use their new subpoena power as an oversight tool on Trump and his Cabinet.

"I expect to answer more questions," Wilkie said. "I believe in transparency. I believe in oversight."

One issue a Democrat-controlled House might try to probe is the influence a trio of Trump cronies might have on the VA. Three members of Mar-a-Lago, Trump's private club in Palm Beach, Fla., were reported to

have major influence over veterans policies.

To investigate, Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., requested copies of any correspondence between current and former VA employees and the three men: Marvel Entertainment Chairman Ike Perlmutter, lawyer Marc Sherrman and Bruce Moskowitz, a Palm Beach doctor. He also asked for any records of VA employees traveling to Mar-a-Lago, along with the cost of each trip.

Wilkie responded in September, refusing to hand over the information.

On Friday, Wilkie criticized media reports that focused on agency issues prior to his leadership of the VA, which began in late July when he became secretary.

"I now have a 100-day record to defend," he said. "I will defend it."

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Courtesy of "Caught in Providence"

Judge Frank Caprio served in the Army Reserve from 1954 to 1960 as a combat engineer. His brother, who was also a soldier, convinced him to join at age 17.

Judge with soft spot for vets becomes sensation

By JAMES BOLINGER
Stars and Stripes

A Vietnam veteran with white hair and a bushy gray mustache recently stood before a Rhode Island judge and answered to a parking ticket.

"I want to plead guilty with an explanation, sir," he said in a thick New England accent.

Judge Frank Caprio, 82, listened patiently as the man read a prepared statement about the difficult parking situation near Providence's Veterans Affairs hospital. He said there's nowhere to park, and he and other vets had for years left their cars on a nearby street with no problems, figuring police were giving them a break.

After learning that the man served in the Army and spent a year in Vietnam, Caprio explained the delicate balancing act judges face between enforcing the law and showing compassion for veterans who get \$100 parking tickets while trying to get medical care.

He then thanked the man for his service and dismissed the case.

Short videos of similar encounters involving Caprio's empathetic rulings — for veterans and civilians alike — have been spreading across the internet like wildfire, garnering more than 1.7 billion views worldwide. That popularity has led to a nationally syndicated television show called "Caught in Providence," broadcast in 186 cities across the United States.

"The smallest thing can change some-

one's life." Caprio recently told Stars and Stripes in a telephone interview from his home in Rhode Island. "[My father's] mantra was help people when you can. We were taught in life that it's not enough to climb the ladder of success." You have to lead down the ladder "so others can follow in your footsteps."

Caprio — a first-generation American whose father immigrated from Italy at age 12 — is a veteran himself. He joined the Army Reserve in 1954 at the recommendation of his brother, who was also a soldier. Caprio, who served as a combat engineer, said the lessons he learned in basic training laid the groundwork for the judge he was to become.

"I was only 17 when I joined," he said. "I was in basic and next thing I know I have someone yelling at me. It helped me orient my compass. There are rules. You follow them and you respect authority."

Caprio said his compassion for others was learned from his parents, and it especially applies to those who served their country.

"I have a particular affinity for all veterans," he said, "but especially those who served in Vietnam. I remember how the vets were adored in World War II, and how they were scorned when they came

home from 'Nam. It's a sad chapter in our history."

During a speeding-ticket case, a man named Elmer — who later said he served 16 months in Vietnam — walked into Caprio's courtroom with a cane. He had been in a car accident a few days before and told the judge he wasn't seeing the speed-limit sign and he didn't have a bad day because of back pain.

Caprio asked Elmer if he was a veteran after complimenting him on his bearing and demeanor. After the two reminisced about the "raw deal" Vietnam veterans faced, the ticket was dismissed, and the judge thanked him for his service.

Caprio said he wants veterans to share their stories with the world so that others will know the meaning of sacrifice, the importance of the American dream and that one person — no matter what their background — can be successful and have an impact on society.

"I think veterans have unique experiences, especially those who have been overseas in combat," he said. "I love listening to them. Many vets don't like to talk. They are very modest, but sharing that sense of patriotism is invaluable."

"I think vets should speak in schools," he added. "It gives students a perspective they might not get otherwise. This is a great country. It's worth fighting for."

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Amid outrage, Wilkie defends continued use of dogs in medical research

By NIKKI WENTLING
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON—Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie on Friday defended the VA's continued use of dogs in medical research.

Canine research at the agency has sparked outrage among some lawmakers and veterans groups

that have argued during the past year that it's cruel and an incorrect use of taxpayer money.

Earlier this year, Congress passed legislation that requires the VA secretary's approval before funding the experiments. USA Today has reported that the research is continuing.

Speaking at the National Press Club on Friday, Wilkie argued the research was necessary for medi-

cal breakthroughs that could help veterans.

"Let me put this in perspective first," he said. "We have 92 canines. Every day, 2,000 dogs are euthanized in this country."

Approximately 670,000 shelter dogs are euthanized each year, according to statistics from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. That's about 1,836 each day.

Wilkie credited the research for the first liver transplant in the 1960s, as well as the VA's invention of the cardiac pacemaker in the 1950s.

He said the experiments were now necessary for research involving spinal cord injuries. The crowd — comprising VA employees, veterans and advocates — applauded Friday when Wilkie said the research wouldn't stop until it

was proven to be unhelpful.

"I'm going to do everything that is ethical to make sure that our veterans come first," Wilkie said. "I love canines. I was raised with them. I've seen them in my military life perform miracles. But we have an opportunity to change the lives of men and women who have been terribly hurt."

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WAR/MILITARY

Army HQ camp at southern border coming together

By DAN LAMOTHE
The Washington Post

DONNA BASE CAMP, Texas — With a pair of bulldozers rumbling in front of him through muddy terrain, Staff Sgt. Kevin Barr observed as the austere beginnings of an Army headquarters camp at the southern border slowly came together Saturday.

After a night of rain and temperatures plummeting below 50 degrees, the open field they were living in — land provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection — had turned into a gusty, muddy mess with the consistency of peanut butter.

Soldiers had strung jagged concertina wire around the base's perimeter, pitched dozens of olive-green tents and lined up dozens of Humvees and heavy hauler trucks in the past week, but nothing much had been done yet to prepare for mud in typically dusty South Texas.

"If we can get some gravel, we can potentially start graveling some of the areas and try to put a road here," Barr said. "Because this clay dirt is pretty thick."

The raw weather was the latest surprise for soldiers in a mission whose wheels shifted into motion amid President Donald Trump's election-season warnings that an "invasion" of migrants — many of them actually women and children — was heading north for the United States.

The deployment has been panned by critics as a politically motivated stunt to rally Trump's base for the midterm elections, even as Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said late last month that "we don't do political stunts" in the military.

Less than a week later, the Pentagon stripped the operation of its name — Faithful Patriot — amid complaints that it was overtly political. Images of soldiers stretch-

ing out concertina wire at the border right before Election Day had just surfaced.

Public attention has shifted away from the mission in recent days as the president has focused on other issues. But the military's lumbering deployment from San Diego to Brownsville, Texas, has continued despite questions about its necessity.

The caravan is still hundreds of miles from the mission in Tijuana, some 1,500 miles to the west. The mission is expected to extend through Dec. 15, keeping soldiers away from families through Thanksgiving and close to Christmas.

About 5,600 servicemembers had been dispatched as of Friday, according to the Pentagon. About 2,800 are in Texas, including more than 1,000 in Task Force Griffin, an Army unit that set down temporary roots in the Rio Grande Valley and has a corps of leaders from the 89th Military Police Brigade, of Fort Hood, Texas.

Col. Richard Ball, the task force commander, sought in a news conference Friday at a border point in Hidalgo, Texas, to stress that the U.S. military will not have a law enforcement role in the operation. That is considered a sticking point because of the Posse Comitatus Act, which restricts active-duty troops from participating in such activities in most cases. U.S. troops are expected to have "very little to incidental contact" with migrants, he said, and will take the direction of CBP officials if it occurs.

At the base camp in Donna, Texas, soldiers are counseled against discussing politics, a common refrain in any operation. But they also are careful in answering questions about how many soldiers live there, how

and leaving behind explosives that killed four tribal elders who had come to help collect the bodies.

Safder Mohsini, head of the provincial council in northern Bagh-



CORREY MAISCH/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Soldiers from the 62nd Engineer Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas, place concertina wire along the Arizona-Mexico border wall last Wednesday.

Migrant Caravan spends night in central Mexico

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Thousands of Central American migrants bedded down under tents and tarps at a stadium in the central Mexican city of Queretaro after a day spent traveling north by metro, foot and hitched rides from the country's capital.

The caravan planned to leave the city for Irapuato, about 62 miles to the west, at 5

a.m. local time Sunday.

When they arrived at Queretaro Saturday afternoon, they were met by volunteers offering them tortillas, sandwiches and rice. The migrants strung up tarps and tents at a stadium that local officials had prepared for them.

"I decided to come (with the caravan) to help my family," said Maria Yesenia Perez, 41, who left La Ceiba, Honduras, nearly a month ago with her daughter, 8.

long exactly they'll remain or what they'll be doing. At least two soldiers disagreed Saturday about whether their work should even be considered a deployment, considering they are still in the United States. News releases from the Pentagon continue to say that servicemembers are deployed for border support.

Capt. Lauren Blanton, an engineer officer stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., said she arrived in Donna more than a week ago with

three other soldiers, and found an open field. As "camp mayor," she has since overseen the installation of a trailer with 16 shower stalls, tents for a facility meeting day-to-day medical needs and a single, massive tent that typically is used as a cafeteria for troops.

However, given the number of soldiers offered through Donna, Army officials instead turned the large tent — the only one with heat on the camp — into living quarters for more soldiers.

before planting bombs around it.

The Taliban claimed the attack and said they seized ammunition from the base.

The Taliban carry out near-daily

On Saturday, more than 100 soldiers could be seen relaxing inside, some reading, others playing video games on their phones, still others tossing around a football, and one attempting to solve a Rubik's Cube. Hundreds of cots were spread out at least 18 across over a space larger than a hockey rink.

Capt. Tim Smith, commander of the 977th Military Police Company of Fort Riley, Kan., said he and his soldiers arrived at Donna on Friday on buses from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, more than 240 miles away. The unit received a few days of training there, learning basic phrases in Spanish and how to use Google Translate, he said.

"Potentially, we're going somewhere else in the future, but right now, we don't know," he said.

One of Smith's soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Howd, said he anticipated that the company would formulate a training plan once they knew their assignment.

"I actually expected the conditions to be even more austere than this," he said, sitting on a cot. "I was really anticipating being even closer to the border and providing whatever force protection was necessary for our engineers to do their job, but without accommodations quite this nice."

attacks, mainly targeting Afghan security forces at rural outposts. Seventeen years after the U.S.-led invasion, the insurgents control nearly half the country.

Taliban destroy small army base in Afghanistan; 16 killed

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan officials say the Taliban attacked a small army base, killing 12 members of the security forces

CENTCOM: US, Iraqi forces killed more than 50 ISIS fighters last month

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said American and Iraqi forces killed more than 50 Islamic State militants, including several

commanders, in northern Iraq last month.

U.S. Central Command said Sunday that on Oct. 30 operation in Salahuddin province killed five ISIS leaders and more than

30 other militants, and that an operation the following day in the Makhmour mountains killed about 20 ISIS fighters.

It said the leaders killed in the first raid were responsible for co-

ordinating attacks across northern and western Iraq.

Iraq declared victory over ISIS last year, but the group has continued to carry out scattered attacks, particularly in the north.

The extremists have lost virtually all the territory they once ruled in Syria and Iraq, but they still control small, remote pockets in eastern Syria along the border.

NATION

Fire officials begin agonizing search for dead in Calif.

Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. — Sheriff's investigators have begun the agonizing task of scouring through the wreckage of California's most destructive fire on record in search of the dead. By Saturday, the death toll had reached 23, but it seemed likely to climb.

With the entire town of Paradise wiped out and the fire still raging furiously in surrounding communities, Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said the county was bringing in a fifth search-and-recovery team. An anthropology team from California State University, Chico, was also assisting because in some cases "the only remains we are able to find are bones or bone fragments."

"This weighs heavy on all of us," Honea said, "myself and especially those staff members who are out there doing what is important work but certainly difficult work."

The victims have not been identified, but the department has a roster of 110 people believed missing. Officials hope many of the elderly on the list simply are elsewhere without cellphones or any other way to contact loved ones. Honea said the agency was also bringing in a mobile DNA lab and encouraged people with missing relatives to submit samples to aid in the identification process.

The death toll made the Camp Fire the third-deadliest on record in the state, another statistic for a blaze now logged at 164 square miles that has cost at least \$8.1 million to fight so far, said Steve Kaufmann, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Entire neighborhoods were leveled, destroying more than 6,700 buildings, almost all of them homes, and the business district

was destroyed by a blaze that threatened to explode again with the same fury that largely incinerated the foothill town.

More firefighters headed to the area Saturday, with wind gusts

of up to 50 miles per hour expected through Monday, raising the risk of conditions similar to those when the fire started Thursday, said Alex Hoon, with the National Weather Service.

'This weighs heavy on all of us, myself and especially those staff members who are out there doing what is important work but certainly difficult work.'

Kory Honea
Butte County,
Calif., sheriff

State officials put the total number of people forced from their homes statewide at more than 200,000. Evacuations included the city of Malibu, home to some of Hollywood's biggest stars.

Back in Paradise, the air still clogged with smoke. Residents who stayed behind to try to save their property or who managed to get back to their neighborhoods found cars incinerated and homes reduced to rubble.

People sidestepped metal that



PHOTOS BY NOAH BERGEN/AP

Sheriff's deputies recover the remains of Camp Fire victims on Saturday in Paradise, Calif.

melted off cars and jet skis and donned masks as they surveyed ravaged neighborhoods despite an evacuation order for all of Paradise, a town of 27,000 founded in the 1800s. Some cried when they saw nothing was left.

Jan MacGregor, 81, got back to his small, two-bedroom home in Paradise with the help of his firefighter grandson. He found his home leveled — a large metal safe and pipe work from his septic system the only recognizable traces. The safe was punctured with bullet holes from guns inside that went off in the scorching heat.

He has lived in Paradise for nearly 80 years, moving there in 1939 when he said the town had just 3,000 people and was nicknamed Poverty Ridge. The fire was not a complete surprise, he said.

"We knew Paradise was a prime target for forest fire over the years," he said. "We've had 'em come right up to the city limits — oh, yeah — but nothing like this," he said.

MacGregor said he probably would not rebuild: "I have nothing here to go back to."

Homes and other buildings in Paradise were still burning, and fire crews were trying to extin-



Leveled residences line a mobile home park on Edgewood Lane.

guish those blazes, said Scott McLean, a captain with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Officials warned firefighters to wear their helmets and be careful of falling trees.

Drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change and home construction deeper into forests have led to more destructive wildfire seasons that have been starting earlier and lasting longer.

California emerged from a five-year drought last year but has had a very dry 2018. Much of the northern two-thirds of the state, including where the fire is burn-

ing, is abnormally dry, according to a U.S. government analysis.

Elinor "Jeannie" Williams, 86, was not among the nine victims of the blaze but died as she waited to be airlifted from an evacuated hospital where she was being treated for a head injury.

She was dying, and the family expected to lose her in a few days, said her stepdaughter, Lisa. Still, her death has been hard on her father, Robert, 84, who also may have lost his home, she said.

"He's lost, he's confused, he's trying to hang in there," she said. "It's hitting him hard. Everything is gone, including his wife."

Large warehouse fire engulfs buildings near ship canal in Seattle

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A large fire that began in a lumberyard warehouse in Seattle engulfed several buildings near the city's ship canal and caused some power outages.

The city's fire department sent multiple engines as well as fire boats to battle the blaze, which began at about 9 p.m. Saturday. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The Seattle Times reported that the blaze engulfed five buildings. Department spokeswoman

Kristin Tinsley said the affected buildings belong to Northwest Millwork and Gascoigne Lumber. Northwest Millwork produces custom architectural woodwork, and Gascoigne is a wholesale lumber company.

Tinsley said at 10:25 p.m. that much of the fire was under control.

The fire department sent out an emergency alert within a half-mile radius of the fire in the city's Queen Anne neighborhood, telling residents to close their windows and doors.



GREG GILBERT, THE SEATTLE TIMES/AP

Spectators line the north shore of the ship canal to view a fire that began in a lumberyard warehouse in Seattle and engulfed several buildings and caused some power outages.

NATION

Fla. election recount underway amid tension

By KELLI KENNEDY
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Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The first election workers are recounting ballots Sunday in Florida's bitterly close races for the U.S. Senate and governor, ramping up their efforts after the secretary of state ordered a review of the two nationally watched contests.

Miami-Dade County election officials began feeding ballots into scanning machines Saturday evening. The tedious work in that one South Florida county alone could take days, considering some 800,000 ballots were cast. Multiply that by 67 counties in the nation's third-most populous state, and the scope of the task was beginning to sink in Sunday.

In neighboring Broward County, its scheduled start of the recount was delayed Sunday because of a problem with one of the tabulation machines. The county has come under criticism from Republicans for its handling of the election. In Palm Beach County, the supervisor of elections said she doesn't believe her department can meet the Thursday deadline.

The Florida secretary of state ordered the recounts Saturday, an unprecedented step for the two flagship races in a state that took five weeks to decide the 2000 presidential election. Secretary of State Ken Detzner's office said it was unaware of any other time either a race for governor or U.S. Senate in Florida required a re-



BYRN ANDERSON/AP

Broward County Supervisor of Elections Dr. Brenda Snipes waits to begin an election recount on Sunday in Lauderdale, Fla.

count, let alone both in the same election.

Florida's counties can decide when to begin their recounts, but must complete them by 3 p.m. Thursday. Elections officials in two large counties in the Tampa Bay area — Pinellas and Hillsborough — began recounts Sunday morning.

Unofficial results show that Republican former U.S. Rep. Ron

DeSantis led Democratic Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum by less than 0.5 percentage points, which will require a machine recount of ballots. In the Senate race, Republican Gov. Rick Scott's lead over Democratic incumbent Bill Nelson is less than 0.25 percentage points, requiring a hand recount of ballots from tabulation machines that couldn't determine which candidate got the vote.

Scott's campaign and the Republican National Committee issued statements saying Gillum and Nelson should give up and decline the recounts.

Scott said Sunday that Nelson wants fraudulent ballots and those cast by noncitizens to count.

"He is trying to commit fraud to win this election," Scott told Fox News. "Bill Nelson's a sore loser. He's been in politics way

too long." Scott's campaign did not immediately respond to an email request for evidence supporting his fraud allegations.

Both the state elections division, which Scott runs, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement have said they have found no evidence of voter fraud.

The recount opens against a backdrop of political tensions. President Donald Trump on Saturday tweeted without evidence that the elections were being stolen. Angry protesters gathered at an elections office in Broward County on Saturday, waving signs and shouting with bullhorns.

"Let me say clearly, I am replacing my words of concession with an uncompromised and unapologetic call that we count every single vote," he said, adding that he would accept whatever outcome emerges. He did not mention the recount in his Sunday morning tweets.

In a video statement released Saturday, DeSantis said the election results were "fear and unambiguous" and that he was preparing to become the state's next governor. He also thanked the state's supervisors of elections, canvassing boards, and the staffs for "working hard to ensure that all lawful votes are counted."

The scene recalled the 2000 presidential recount, when it took more than five weeks for Florida to declare George W. Bush the victor over Vice President Al Gore by 537 votes, and thus giving Bush the presidency.

Kemp seeks concession from Abrams in Ga. race

By JAY REEVES
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Republican Brian Kemp is pressing Democrat Stacey Abrams to concede Georgia's tight gubernatorial race as civil rights groups urge her to stay and fight.

Kemp's campaign issued a statement Saturday that said it was mathematically impossible for Abrams to even force a runoff, much less win outright. It called Abrams' refusals to concede "a disgrace to democracy" that "completely ignore the will of the people."

But members of civil rights groups including the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held a small rally urging Abrams to keep fighting until every vote is counted.

"That is a promise she made," said Ben Williams, president of the Cobb County branch of the SCLC, founded by the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Erick Allen, a black Democrat



RON HARRIS/AP

Helen Brosnan, left, an organizer with the National Domestic Workers Alliance, speaks with an unidentified volunteer in Atlanta on Friday. They are working to inform Georgia voters who used a provisional ballot to turn them into their election office.

newly elected to the Georgia House, said allegations of voter suppression and questions about Election Day problems could dog Kemp as governor if he ultimately prevails.

"The erosion in trust is done," said Allen. Abrams is seeking to become the first black woman elected governor in the United States, while Kemp is attempting to continue GOP dominance in a diversifying state that could be a battleground in the 2020 presidential election.

On Saturday, she released a statement that she had met with voters who experienced difficul-

ties casting ballots. She said her campaign heard stories of voters turned away from the polls, students and military members who requested absentee ballots that never arrived or were "lost in the mail" — and first-time and longtime voters who found their names were "no longer on the list."

She vowed to continue to fight.

Unofficial returns show Kemp with 50.3 percent of almost 4 million total votes, a roughly 63,000-vote lead over Abrams. The margin is enough for an outright Kemp victory if totals remain the same, but it's a tight race considering the large turnout.

Democrat Rouda defeats Rohrabacher in House race

Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.

— Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, a one-time speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan who later became Russia's lead defender on Capitol Hill and an outspoken advocate for legalized marijuana, was defeated Saturday, a victim of California's Democratic tilt and voters' distaste for President Donald Trump.

Rohrabacher, 71, was beaten by real estate executive Harley Rouda, 56, a Republican-turned-Democrat who pilloried the congressman for his skepticism over climate change and depicted him as an out-of-touch abettor in Washington gridlock.

With votes continuing to be counted, Rouda's edge grew steadily. The vote count updated Saturday showed Rouda with 52 percent of the vote and about 8,500 more votes than Rohrabacher.

Rohrabacher's ouster from his seat in Orange County has historical and symbolic significance. The county southeast of Los Angeles was home to President Richard Nixon and long considered a foundational block in the modern conservative movement. Reagan himself likened it to a Republican haven.

Orange County was once a Re-

publican lock on Election Day, said Fred Smoller, associate professor of political science at Chapman University.

"Their lock is over," he said.

With Rouda's win, Democrats have picked off two GOP seats either all or partly in the county since Tuesday's election, and are threatening in two others. Democrat Mike Levin this week captured the seat long held by retiring Rep. Darrell Issa, who cuts through the southern end of the county. Democrats have also seized a GOP-held seat north of Los Angeles.

Rouda credited his victory to support from "voters across the political spectrum." In a statement, he said he intends to be "honest, transparent, accessible and tireless" in Washington.

Rohrabacher's campaign said in a statement that tens of thousands of ballots remain uncounted, and the campaign will have a statement once the vote count is complete.

Democrats had targeted seven GOP-held House districts in California this year that were carried by Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election, including Rohrabacher's 48th.

They've now won three of those seats.

NATION



JULIE WALKER/AP

Positioning the spruce

Workers move the 1926 Rockefeller Center Christmas tree into position on a platform at New York's Rockefeller Plaza on Saturday. The 72-foot-tall, 12-ton Norway spruce was brought by truck from Walkill, N.Y. The official tree-lighting ceremony takes place Nov. 28.

W.Va. judge convicted on 11 counts stepping down

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A suspended West Virginia Supreme Court justice who was recently convicted of 11 federal charges is stepping down just ahead of a special legislative session to consider his removal, the governor's office said.

It was the latest development in an impeachment scandal miring some past and present justices in varying accusations, including abuse of authority and failure to rein in excessive spending that has engulfed the state's highest court for months.

Republican Gov. Jim Justice's office said late Saturday that he received a letter from Justice Allen Loughry and accepted his resignation effective at the close of business Monday, a day ahead of Tuesday's scheduled special session. Justice had no further comment in his brief statement, and Loughry's one-sentence resignation letter didn't elaborate.

Loughry was convicted last month of federal criminal charges including wire fraud involving his personal use of state cars and fuel cards and of mail fraud. He has requested a new trial.

Loughry couldn't be reached for comment, and phone and email messages seeking comment from

his attorney, John A. Carr, were not immediately returned.

Justice recently called a special legislative session for Tuesday, saying in his proclamation that it would consider removing Loughry from his post.

Loughry and three other justices were impeached by the West Virginia House in August over questions involving lavish office renovations that evolved into varying accusations of corruption, incompetence and neglect of duty. One of them, Justice Beth Walker, was cleared of an impeachment charge at a Senate trial last month.

The West Virginia Supreme Court last month effectively halted the legislature's remaining efforts to impeach the state's justices as a violation of the separation of power doctrine. The court ruled that the Senate lacks jurisdiction to pursue its impeachment trial of Justice Margaret Workman.

The Senate had postponed Workman's trial after the presiding judge didn't show up following the court ruling. A panel of acting justices said the court's decision to stop Workman's impeachment hearing also applies to retired Justice Robin Davis and to Loughry, who had petitioned the court to intervene.

Gunman who killed 12 died from self-inflicted gunshot

By JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — An autopsy determined that the gunman who killed 12 people at a Southern California bar died from a self-inflicted gunshot, police said Saturday.

Ian David Long, 28, a former Marine machine-gunner, fatally shot 11 people at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks and a police officer who responded just before midnight Wednesday. The officer exchanged gunfire with Long, who was found dead at the scene.

Ventura County Sheriff Bill Ayub said an autopsy determined Long fatally shot himself.

Authorities have yet to determine a motive and are exploring all possibilities. Among them is whether Long believed a former girlfriend might have been at the bar, which was filled with about 150 people on its popular college

night that attracts students from several nearby schools.

Sheriff's Capt. Garo Kuredjian said investigators were still interviewing witnesses, have served a search warrant at Long's home and searched the car Long drove to the bar.

"We're going to exhaust every investigative means possible," Kuredjian told the Ventura County Star.

Kuredjian said there is no timeline for completing the investigation. The analysis of items obtained in the searches could take months, he said.

Former Sheriff Geoff Dean, whose last day on the job was Friday, said investigators believe Long targeted the bar but don't know why. At least a half-dozen people interviewed by The Associated Press who described themselves as regulars at the bar don't ever recall seeing Long there.

Authorities described an attack of military efficiency. When Long

shot his .45-caliber pistol, he killed. All of the injured suffered cuts, bruises and other minor injuries in frantic attempts to escape the gunfire. Some smashed windows and jumped out.

Based on time stamps, investigators say, Long posted to Instagram during the attack. The post involved his mental state and whether people would believe he was sane.

His social media accounts have been taken down, but a law enforcement official said Long posted about his mental health.

The official, who was briefed on the investigation but not authorized to discuss it publicly, spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

Long grew up in Thousand Oaks, and several people who knew him described him in disturbing terms. Long made people feel uncomfortable going back to his teens.



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WORLD

Tragic end of Saudi sisters highlights perils for runaways

By AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The deaths of two young Saudi sisters, whose bodies washed up along the New York City waterfront last month, have shined a light on the often secretive and risky journeys Saudi women take to flee their homes, both within the kingdom and abroad.

Tala, 23, and Rotana Farea, 25, ran away from home in Fairfax, Va., before being placed in a shelter amid allegations they were abused at home. They then made their way to New York City, staying in high-end hotels and eventually maxing out the older sister's credit cards.

What happened next is still under investigation. Their bodies, showing no obvious signs of trauma, were found Oct. 24 along the rocky banks of the Hudson River wrapped together with tape.

Tala's father, Chief of Detectives Dermot Shea said people who knew the Farea sisters in Virginia told investigators that they made statements with in the last year indicating "that they would rather inflict harm on themselves — commit suicide — than return to Saudi Arabia."

That may be because in Saudi Arabia, women who try and flee have few good options. Under the kingdom's guardianship system women must have the approval of a male relative — such as a father, husband, brother, or even a son — to marry, obtain a passport or travel.

"The fact that they continue to be subjected to the guardianship system ... to the more sort of sinister issues which include physical or sexual abuse that they face at home, we've seen women in all these cases attempt to flee," said Human Rights Watch researcher

Adam Coogle.

Coogle said there are also women being pressured into marriages against their will. He did not specifically discuss the Farea sisters as their case is still under investigation.

If women who run away are caught, they can be pressured to return home or placed in shelters where often the only way out is to escape again. Others are jailed and only a male guardian can sign for their release.

A group of Saudi women's rights activists had raised money locally for runaways and were planning to start a non-governmental organization to shelter abused women. But in May, authorities arrested at least nine of them and three of their male supporters. They remain detained on vague charges related to national security.

The Farea sisters had moved to the U.S. from Saudi Arabia with their mother and two brothers in 2015. The father spent time between the two countries, according to Arab News, which spoke to a relative.

Investigators said they believe the Farea sisters had filed for asylum.

After the Farea sisters died, a witness called police with something he said had been "haunting" him. He'd seen the sisters standing apart at Riverside Park in New York, with their heads bowed into their hands praying loudly hours before their bodies were found. Investigators have stopped short of saying the sisters killed themselves, but say they have "no credible information that any crime took place."

The sisters' bodies were returned to Saudi Arabia on Nov. 3 and they were buried the same day in Medina — homes of Islam's holiest sites where the Prophet Muhammad is buried.



Ng Han Guan/AP

A board marks a milestone of sales, passing the RMB10 billion or US \$1.4 billion mark, minutes into the start of Alibaba's 11.11 Global Shopping Festival held in Shanghai, China, on Sunday.

China's annual shopping frenzy shatters record

Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Online shoppers spent more than \$14 billion within the first two hours of China's annual buying frenzy Sunday, once again breaking records as the consumer tradition enters its 10th year.

The spending binge breaks from gloomy forecasts about the world's second-largest economy, which is struggling with a tariff war with the U.S., a stock market slump and slowing overall growth.

Known as Singles Day, the clamor for deals and discounts was heralded with characteristic fanfare by Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, which has turned an unofficial holiday for people without romantic partners into a yearly windfall for digital retailers.

A massive screen at Alibaba's gala in Shanghai showed the surging sales numbers in real time. At 2 minutes and 5 seconds after midnight, \$1.43 billion in purchases had been made on Alibaba's platforms. By the 1 hour and 47 minute mark, that number had increased tenfold.

Singles Day began as a spoof event celebrated by unattached Chinese university students in

the 1990s. In Chinese, it's called "Double 11," after the numbers in the month and date. The improvised holiday has since been co-opted by e-retailers and transformed into China's version of Cyber Monday — the busiest time for online shopping in the U.S.

The Twitter-like Weibo platform was blanketed with Singles Day-related posts on Sunday, from users proudly proclaiming that they had resisted the shopping urge this year to those who cheerfully listed an array of mundane purchases.

Chinese e-commerce platforms have come under fire in the past for peddling low-quality and counterfeit items. Hong Tao, an economics professor at Beijing Technology and Business University, said Singles Day encourages shoppers to prioritize cheap prices over high quality, causing them to purchase items they don't need.

"People are swept up in the festivities," Hong said in a phone interview. "This burst of consumption, confined to just one day, can be exhausting for both buyers and sellers."

Philippine news website faces tax evasion charge

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine prosecutors said Sunday they will file charges of tax evasion against a news website that has been critical of President Rodrigo Duterte.

The Justice Department said in a statement it found probable cause to indict Rappler Holdings Corp. and its president, journalist Maria Ressa. The case could be filed later this week, Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra said.

Rappler called it "a clear form of continuing intimidation and harassment" and an attempt to "silence reporting that does not please the administration."

Francis Lim, Rappler's legal counsel, denied the charges of tax evasion in connection with Rappler's bond sales in 2015 to two foreign entities.

JetBlue adds route from Boston to Havana

HAVANA — A JetBlue flight from Boston landed in Havana on Saturday, as the U.S. airline expanded its routes to Cuba despite a drop in American visitors amid tensions between the countries.

Commercial flights between the countries were ended a half century ago during the Cold War. But they resumed in 2016 amid the rapprochement between Washington and Cuba that followed the 2014 return of diplomatic relations under the Obama administration.

However, Donald Trump took over the U.S. presidency and placed new restriction on travel to Cuba.

Cuban report shows that in the first quarter of 2018 the number of Americans visiting the island fell by 43 percent compared to the same period last year.

Death toll from blasts in Somalia's capital at 53

NAIROBI, Kenya — Somali hospital and police sources said the death toll from Friday's bombings outside a hotel in Mogadishu has risen to 53 with over 100 injured.

Four bombs by Islamic extremists exploded outside a hotel in the capital, Mogadishu, Friday afternoon. After the three explosions in front of the hotel, a fourth blast hit as medics attempted to rescue the injured.

Somali Islamic extremist rebels, al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the bombs.

Newly discovered tombs hold mummies, statues

SAOQARA, Egypt — A top Egyptian antiquities official said Saturday local archaeologists discovered seven Pharaonic Age tombs near Cairo containing dozens of cat mummies along with wooden statues depicting other animals and birds.

The discovery at Saqqara also includes mummies of scarabs, the first to be found in the area.

Of the statues found, those depicting cats were the majority, reflecting the reverence ancient Egyptians showed the felines, whose God Bastet was worshipped. Other statues depicted a lion, a cow and a falcon.

From The Associated Press

France seizes jet after Ryanair doesn't pay bill

Associated Press

PARIS — Storms, strikes, computer failures — you can now add "your plane has been seized by the government" to the list of things that can delay your flight.

In France, 149 passengers were preparing to take off for London late Thursday when French authorities ordered their Ryanair Boeing 737 impounded.

The budget carrier owed money and it was "regrettable that the state was forced" to evacuate the plane, the civil aviation authority said.

The passengers had gone through passport control and security and were about to walk on the tarmac to board the plane when airport authorities told them to turn around, passenger Boris Hejblum said.

"The airport staff told us there was an issue

with the plane," he told The Associated Press in an email.

No Ryanair staff members were available, and the only communication from the airline was two text messages saying simply that the departure was delayed.

The passengers were put on another flight that finally brought them to London's Stansted airport — five hours late.

The multimillion dollar jet, meanwhile, was released Friday after Ryanair paid a bill of \$610,000.

The scene unfolded at the Bordeaux-Mérignac airport in western France, where authorities say the airline was ordered to pay back funds that the European Union had declared to be illegal subsidies. Ryanair did not publicly comment on the seizure.

French aviation agency spokesman Eric

Heraud said regional authorities who originally gave the subsidies had been trying since 2014 to recover the money, and sent its final legal warning in May. After six months without a response from Ryanair, it decided to act Friday.

Ryanair has become Europe's largest airline by number of passengers by consistently offering some of the cheapest fares available. That ensures its planes are packed.

It then makes extra money with add-on fares. Besides charging for seating choice and food — now standard practice on budget flights the world over — it also has travelers pay for any carry-on bag that's larger than a purse.

It manages to keep its costs down by flying to out of the way airports at odd hours to get cheaper airport slots.

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WORLD

Wolong staff members give giant panda baby Xinnier a physical examination at Hetaoping field training base in Wolong, a major giant panda habitat in southwest China's Sichuan province.

Xue Yulin/Xinhua, ZUMA Wire/TNS



RARE PROGENY

China's make-or-break program sends pandas back into the wild

By ROBYN DIXON
Los Angeles Times

The panda cub snuffles, stretches out a tiny paw and snuggles with his mother, Cao Cao. She stirs, sniffs him gently and gives him a lick as they rest in her maternity enclosure at the Hetaoping Wilderness Training Base in the mist-wreathed mountains of southwestern China.

The cub, 2 months old and too small to be named, is the size of a house cat. He and his sister are rare genetic treasures, the first twin giant panda cubs born to a wild male panda and a female sent back into the wild to mate.

In the last two years, Cao Cao, a mother of nine, has given birth to the only three progeny of an ambitious return-to-nature program that Chinese scientists hope will save the species from extinction. Cao Cao, 16, was born in the wild herself before being taken into captivity in Sichuan when she was about 13 months old.

One of her male cubs, Tao Tao, was released in 2012 and has since been recaptured twice for health checks and so he could be fitted with a new tracking collar. Researchers believe Tao Tao may have

sired a cub, but they will have to wait until the cub is an independent adult to do DNA testing.

Wild pandas, once found in 17 provinces, now survive in just three. Their habitat is fragmented, with 73 percent in groups so small there is a strong chance they will not survive, according to a 2017 report from Beijing Forestry University.

Back in the 1970s, the overall panda population dipped to about 1,000. In response, the Chinese government spent tens of millions of dollars to establish training centers, and forest reserves, helping the numbers recover to roughly 2,200. Of those, roughly 25 percent reside in the scientific centers, zoos or other such facilities.

The roly-poly celebrities are replete with political and cultural significance — and economic value as a tourism drawing card. So to ensure their long-term survival, China has initiated a make-or-break experiment sending captive pandas into the wild permanently to boost fragile populations scattered in six isolated mountainous regions.

Equally vital is a plan for a 5-million-acre conservation park — twice the size of Yellowstone National Park — that is to include 67 current reserves and be financed by the Bank of China at a cost of \$1.1 bil-

lion. Researchers hope the park, due for completion by 2023, will ensure the successful release of dozens of captive-bred pandas to reestablish wild populations in areas that have not seen them for decades.

The Hetaoping base, where Cao Cao usually resides, has released four captive-bred females since 2016 in hopes they would mate with wild males. Cao Cao is the only one with a confirmed pregnancy.

At Hetaoping, cubs are prepared for release largely without human contact. They are raised by their mothers in large bushy enclosures until independent, then moved together to larger isolated compounds. Their only interaction with humans is with the keepers who deliver bamboo daily, dressed in panda suits liberally soaked in panda urine to cover the human smell. Anyone visiting the center must don the urine-soaked suits. Training to survive in the wild is left to the mothers.

The base is silent apart from the stirring of wind, with not a whisper of traffic. Thirty observation cameras transmit images to 16 screens in the base, watched around the clock by panda keepers.

A second center — Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in the Sichuan capital, Chengdu — has taken the opposite approach.

At Chengdu, operated in collaboration with Virginia-based Global Cause Foundation, humans train the bears to eat, climb trees and find water, making it easier to intervene when they are injured or sick. The base is a major tourist attraction, with up to 100,000 visitors daily and thousands filing past the panda nursery, furiously snapping photos while guards shout at them to move along.

The problem is that whatever the approach, the release of pandas can prove physically dangerous (for the pandas) and politically delicate (for the humans), since the public reacts with outrage to any sort of panda suffering or any fatalities.

Of 11 pandas thus far released permanently by the two centers, three have died and a fourth, Qian Qian (pronounced Chen Chen), got sick and would have perished had she not been rescued, her story the focus of a recent IMAX movie, "Pandas."

"In some places, the wild population is less than 30, in some less than 20," said Zhang Hemin, deputy director of the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda, which runs the Hetaoping base, as well as another facility in Dujiangyan. "If we don't help them, they'll be extinct within the next 30 to 50 years. That's why we are training the captive-bred pandas for release."

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Helping veterans manage student loan debt

By ANNA HELIOSKI

NerdWallet

If you're a veteran with student debt, you have repayment rights unique to military service members that can keep you on track and out of default.

Federal student loan default occurs after nine months without a payment. Once you default, you'll no longer qualify for repayment plans that could make payments manageable.

Understanding your options can help reduce the risk of default.

■ **Ending up in student debt:** "Some students are unsure how to fully access their benefits or what programs they're eligible for—that could lead them to borrow and leave benefits on the table,"

For more information

<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

<https://nerd.me/student-loan-repayment-plans>

<https://disabilitydischarge.com/>

said Colleen Campbell, associate director for postsecondary education at the Center for American Progress, a public policy think tank.

Veterans often take out student loans after exhausting their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, which cover tuition and fees and include a monthly housing allowance and money for books.

■ **More likely to default:** Veterans tend to be older than tra-

ditional undergraduates and are likelier to be employed while in school, said Kathy Payea, senior research fellow with Veterans Education Success. They also may be supporting families.

These conditions can make it harder for veteran students to finish college on time. Students who fall below half-time attendance status have to start paying back their loans.

Veteran borrowers often default after attending for-profit college programs.

■ **Get help with repayment:** All federal student loan borrowers have access to repayment options beyond the standard 10-year plan.

Current service members also may get repayment help through branch-specific repayment programs or through the Depart-

ment of Defense.

■ **Pause loan payments:** Military deferment allows borrowers to postpone loan repayment while on active duty and immediately after. This applies to federal and private loans.

In addition to military deferment, all borrowers can get in-school deferment and forbearance in case of financial hardship.

■ **Get loan forgiveness:** Military service can qualify federal loan borrowers for Public Service Loan Forgiveness, which will forgive the remainder of your loan balance after 120 qualifying payments. You must be in the military or working in the public sector while making each payment.

Borrowers who are totally and permanently disabled can have their loans discharged.

If you attend a school that closes

before you finish your degree, you're eligible for closed school loan discharge.

■ **Reduce interest rates:** If you took out a loan before enlisting, your interest rate is capped at 6 percent while on active duty as part of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Borrowers in areas of combat or serving during national emergencies are eligible for a 0 percent interest rate. This rule applies to both federal and private loans.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 12)	\$1.1546
Dollar buys (Nov. 12)	69.8587
British pound (Nov. 12)	\$1.34
Japanese yen (Nov. 12)	111.00
South Korean won (Nov. 12)	1,090.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.3035
Canada (Dollar)	1.3186
China (Yuan)	6.9570
Denmark (Krone)	6.5776
Egypt (Pound)	17.8390
Euro	\$1.1341/0.8817
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8312
Hungary (Forint)	283.33
Israel (Shekel)	3.6731
Japan (Yen)	113.87
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3040
Norway (Krone)	4.8252
Philippines (Peso)	53.07
Poland (Zloty)	3.78
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7521
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3782
South Korea (Won)	1,123.40
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0668
Thailand (Baht)	33.03
Turkey (Lira)	5.4670
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	2.20
3-month bill	2.33
30-year bond	3.42

Another Keystone XL setback: environmental review ordered

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—In a setback for the Trump administration, a federal judge has blocked a permit for construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada and ordered officials to conduct a new environmental review.

Environmentalists and tribal groups cheered the ruling by a U.S. district judge in Montana, while President Donald Trump called it "a political decision" and "a disgrace."

The 1,184-mile pipeline would begin in Alberta and shuttle as much as 830,000 barrels a day of crude through a half dozen states to terminals on the Gulf Coast.

The pipeline was first proposed by Calgary-based TransCanada in 2008. It has become the focal point of a decade-long dispute that pits Democrats, environmental groups and Native American tribes who warn of pollution and increased greenhouse gas emissions against business groups and Republicans who cheer the project's jobs and potential energy production.

U.S. District Judge Brian Morris put a hold on the project last week, ruling that the State Department had not fully considered potential oil spills and other impacts as required by federal law. He ordered the department to complete a new review that ad-

dresses issues that have emerged since the last environmental review was completed in 2014.

New topics include the cumulative effects of climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions of Keystone XL and a related pipeline that brings oil from Canada; the effects of current oil prices on the pipeline's viability; updated modeling of potential oil spills; and the project's effect on cultural resources of native tribes and other groups along the pipeline's route.

The review could take up to a year to complete.

Environmentalists and Native American groups had sued to stop the project, citing property rights and possible spills.

TransCanada said in a statement that it was reviewing the judge's 54-page decision.

Environmental groups declared victory and predicted the long-delayed project will never be built.

TransCanada had recently announced plans to start construction next year, after a State Department review ordered by Morris concluded that major environmental damage from a leak is unlikely and could quickly be mitigated. Morris said that review was inadequate.

TransCanada has promised continuous monitoring and says automatic shut-off valves would help officials quickly identify a leak or rupture.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



MONDAY IN EUROPE



TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

3 stray dogs enter zoo, kill 2 exotic animals

MS JACKSON — Three stray dogs killed and injured several exotic animals at the Jackson Zoo before staff killed them to stop the attacks.

The zoo's events and media specialist, E.J. Rivers, said it happened sometime Thursday night or early Friday while the zoo was closed.

She said staff received a call about 8:30 a.m. after the remains of three animals were found. She said interim Director David Wetzel then ordered the dogs terminated to protect the remaining animals in the African Savannah Exhibit.

Zoo officials said the dogs killed two Klipspringers, a small antelope found in eastern and southern Africa, and a Spur-winged goose, a large bird related to geese that is found in sub-Saharan Africa.

Trapper lands record python in Everglades

FL MIAMI — Officials say a trapper captured a record-setting python as part of a program to remove the invasive species from the Everglades.

A South Florida Water Management District news release said Kyle Penniston captured a 17-foot, 5-inch female Burmese python while hunting on district lands in Miami-Dade County late last Monday.

Officials say the snake weighed in at 120 pounds. It's the third caught as part of the Python Elimination Program that measured more than 17 feet.

Python hunters have now eliminated 1,859 of the snakes on district lands. Penniston is second among the hunters, with 235 snakes eliminated. Brian Hargrave has dispatched the most with 257.

Doe dies after crashing into workshop

VT MORRISVILLE — Reindeer might be at home in Santa's workshop, but things didn't go well for some deer that landed in a Vermont woodworking shop.

WCAX-TV reported that Paul Green was working at the Douglas P. Blake Jr. workshop in Morrisville on Friday when a doe ran through the door, then crashed through a window to get back outside. A few minutes later, a fawn ran in and out, while the mother crashed into and out of another room in the building.

Manager Kathy Stokes said when the doe finally raced off to a nearby highway bypass, it got hit by a dump truck and killed.

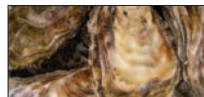
Judge requests Echo audio in stabbing case

NH DOVER — A judge has ruled that New Hampshire authorities investigating the stabbing deaths of two women can examine recordings made by an Amazon Echo speaker with the Alexa voice assistant.

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The number of oyster sacks that were harvested on the Alabama coast last year, down from 7,000 sacks in 2013. The state Marine Resources Division canceled this year's oyster season because of low numbers. This is the first time the state has canceled the season for a reason other than hurricanes or oil spills.



MATT ROURKE/AP

Speedy cycle silhouette

A cyclist makes his way along Kelly Drive on an autumn morning in Philadelphia last week.

Timothy Verrill, of Dover, is accused of first-degree murder in the deaths of Christine Sullivan, 48, and Jenna Pellegrini, 32, at a Farmington home in 2017.

Verrill pleaded not guilty and faces trial.

Prosecutors say they believe there are Echo recordings capturing the attack on Sullivan and removal of her body that could be found on the server maintained by Amazon.

An Amazon spokesperson said Friday it won't release customer information "without a valid and binding legal demand properly served on us."

Dairy fined \$100,000 for air-quality violations

IA DES MOINES — A north-eastern Iowa dairy that makes cheese agreed to pay a \$100,000 penalty and install expensive pollution control equipment for violating air-quality rules for a dozen years.

The Iowa Attorney General's office said in a written statement Friday that Prairie Farms Dairy in Luana admitted to the violations in a consent decree signed last week. The plant formally

operated under the name Swiss Valley Farms. Prairie Farms and Swiss Valley merged in April 2017.

State prosecutors and environmental officials said the plant removed an air pollution control device called a baghouse in 2004 without seeking a permit. In 2016, it installed a dryer stack fan that reduced emissions.

As part of the consent decree, Prairie Farms agreed to install a baghouse at a cost of \$1.4 million.

Korean War vet gets high school diploma

IN RICHMOND — A veteran of the Korean War has received his high school diploma — 67 years later.

Bill Grimes was honored by the Richmond school district Friday, two days before Veterans Day. He left Richmond High School for the Navy during his junior year and was on an aircraft carrier when his classmates graduated in 1951.

Grimes said school didn't fit him so he joined the Navy with his father's blessing on the day that North Korea invaded South Korea. He said he considered his

Navy service a "privilege" and a "wonderful time."

Grimes returned to Richmond, married and raised five children. The Richmond Palladium-Item said a daughter led the effort to get his diploma, which is allowed for honorably discharged veterans.

He described the diploma as "the top for me."

Man dies in I-25 crash after driving wrong way

CO FORT COLLINS — Authorities said a Fort Collins man died after crashing into oncoming traffic on Interstate 25 while fleeing police.

The Fort Collins Coloradoan reported a Larimer County Sheriff's Office deputy attempted to pull over the 49-year-old outside Fort Collins on Wednesday night.

Authorities said a check of the vehicle's license plate showed it was connected with a man wanted for a felony warrant.

The sheriff's office said the deputy pursued the vehicle to the interstate with speeds reaching 55 mph.

The man entered I-25 through an exit ramp, driving the wrong

way into northbound traffic.

The man's vehicle collided head-on with a semitruck.

Colorado State Patrol said he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Woman treated after bitten by rabid bat

IL PEKIN — A central Illinois woman is being treated for rabies exposure after being bitten by a rabid bat.

The Tazewell County Health Department confirmed the rabid bat bite last week.

The Journal Star reported it was the second rabid bat bite reported in the Peoria area this fall. Late in September a rabid bat bit a dog in Chillicothe.

The dog was quarantined and given another round of rabies shots.

The Illinois Department of Public Health reports 81 bats have tested positive for rabies in Illinois in 2018. It has additional information online.

Rabies is a virus that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals.

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Claire Foy in a scene from "The Girl in the Spider's Web."
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Comfortable with change

Claire Foy goes from Buckingham Palace to 'Spider's Web'

By NEAL JUSTIN
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Claire Foy didn't grow up idolizing action stars and couldn't give two figs about her fellow countryman James Bond. Isn't allegiance to 007 required for British citizenship?

"No," she said. "I'm pretty sure it's not in the constitution."

It's hard to tell in a phone interview whether the Emmy-winning star of "The Crown" is teasing or dismissing a commoner's stupid line of questioning.

The inability to know what Foy is thinking made her an ideal candidate to take over the role of Lisbeth Salander, the introverted avenger who only seems at ease inhaling cigarettes while hacking into evildoers' web accounts.

In "The Girl in the Spider's Web," the fifth film inspired by Stieg Larsson's novels, Salander must stop an evil gang from taking over the world's nuclear weapons, dodge squad cars on her motorcycle and endure sadistic torture sessions.

But for the 34-year-old actress, the most daunting challenge might be bracing herself for comparisons to Noomi Rapace, the heroine in three critically acclaimed Swedish adaptations, and Rooney Mara, who earned an Oscar nomination for her take in "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo."

"There's no way to copy or emulate them. You just have to be yourself," said Foy, who saw their versions before she was cast in the part. "In my career, I've played plenty of characters who are familiar to audiences. People are going to have their opinions, but that's all they are is opinions. You can't please all of the people all of the time. I just have to do it for me."

Charles Dickens' "Little Dorrit" had been filmed numerous times before Foy took on the title role in a 2008 TV production. It went on to win seven Emmys, including best miniseries.

For 2015's "Wolf Hall," she played Anne Boleyn, following in the footsteps of Vanessa Redgrave, Charlotte Rampling and Genevieve Buckold. That miniseries took home a Golden Globe.

Foy didn't get any major nods — until "The Crown." For two years on Netflix, she gave rapt audiences a Queen Elizabeth not afraid to draw blood while biting her



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Claire Foy
Star of "The Girl in the Spider's Web"

stiff upper lip. Before abdicating the throne to Olivia Colman, who will play an older version of Elizabeth next season, she took home the Emmy, beating out past winners Elisabeth Moss and Tatiana Maslany.

"That was lovely," she said.

In the recent film "First Man," Foy's character took one giant leap for astronauts' wives, putting husband Neil Armstrong (Ryan Gosling) in his place when he tries to weasel out of telling their kids that he might not survive his trip to the moon.

"You're doing that. Not me," Jane Armstrong says as he sheepishly packs his bags, wishing he was on another planet. "I'm done."

The Oscar buzz has already begun.

At first glance, "Spider's Web" seems like a radical departure for Foy. Salander prefers drinking whiskey out of the bottle to pouring herself a spot of tea. She's decked out in so many tattoos and piercings that she could front a goth band, just as soon as she gets done terrorizing a rapist.

"All three women are so different and so complex. The only thing they have in common is that I played them all," Foy said. "I've never made the choice to do something just because it's a departure from what I've done in the past. But I don't want to repeat myself. I'd be hard-pressed to find another character like the queen anyways."

Despite entering the world of action thrillers, Foy still relies on her most effective weapons — a fiery, unblinking stare and inner grit. The physical training was largely for aesthetics. Much more of a workout were her scenes with the film's primary villain, a sadist who also happens to be the sister Salander abandoned while they both were being sexually abused by their father.

In the film's most dramatic moment, Foy confronts her sibling on a cliff, shaking with fear, resentment and guilt.

"Those emotional scenes are far more challenging than anything physical," said Foy, who insists that she didn't take the character — or the tattoos — home with her. "That's always when you're most uncomfortable."

Foy doesn't have plans to play Salander again, although producers are certainly keen to keep the franchise going; the remake of "Tattoo" made \$230 million worldwide.

have absolutely no idea what's next for me until it's written," said Foy, who can her hair full at home, raising a 3-year-old daughter. "At the moment, I'm free."

'Deadpool 2' recut for release as PG-13

The Washington Post

And here Aquaman thought he would have the live-action superhero screen all to himself this Christmas.

On Nov. 9, Ryan Reynolds tweeted out a poster for Fox's "Once Upon a Deadpool" — a release of "Deadpool 2" that represents a noble act of charity and a brilliant bit of box-office marketing.

"Once Upon a Deadpool" is a recut version of the R-rated summer sequel that tones down the language and violence to secure a PG-13 rating.

Or as Reynolds tweets of the new version: "The only F word in this movie is Fred Aaron Savage." And on Instagram, he calls it "a fairy tale that gives zero F's." In the poster, Reynolds is pictured clinging to Savage while mounted on a reindeer.

Savage played the grandson being read the storybook tale in 1987's "The Princess Bride," in "Once Upon a Deadpool's" new scenes, Reynolds reportedly will read his "Deadpool" adventure to the adult Savage in the same childhood bed.

"Deadpool 2" grossed \$734 million worldwide this summer — nearly as much as the first film made in 2016.

Reynolds said that \$1 of each ticket sold will go to a campaign called "Fudge Cancer."

"Once Upon a Deadpool" will open on Dec. 12 and run through Christmas Eve.

Mortensen apologizes for using racial slur

Actor Viggo Mortensen apologized for using a racial slur during a panel discussion about his new film, "Green Book."

Mortensen, who is white, appeared at the event Nov. 7 with costar Mahershala Ali, who is black, and director Peter Farrelly.

Mortensen told The Hollywood Reporter on Nov. 8 he was making the point that many people casually used the slur in 1962, when the movie takes place. He says he had "no right to even imagine the hurt that is caused by hearing the word in any context." He said he intended to "speak strongly against racism" and is sorry he used the word.

In "Green Book," due in theaters this month, Mortensen's character is hired to drive a black pianist on a concert tour in the South.

Other news

■ Actress Meg Ryan, 56, and singer John Mellencamp, 67, are getting married. The actress wrote "ENGAGED!" in an Instagram post that included a drawing of what appears to be the two holding hands. He's also holding a guitar. They've been dating on and off since 2010. Ryan was previously married to actor Denis Quaid, while Mellencamp has been married three times. No date was announced.

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OPINION

US leaders could learn from ghosts of '18

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WASHINGTON
What would the ghosts of 1918—not just the soldiers who were slaughtered in the trenches of World War I but the statesmen who failed to make a durable peace afterward—tell politicians a century later about the perilous world we inhabit today?

Ruminations about past and present were inescapable last week, America just finished a startlingly bitterly divisive election, and we're all puzzling over how to interpret the results.

President Donald Trump, meanwhile, headed for Paris this weekend to commemorate the armistice of what historian Margaret MacMillan has called "the war that ended peace."

I asked some of my historian friends to reflect on the lessons of 1918 for our post-election America. They cited some common themes: the fragility of the world order, then and now; the big, sometimes disastrous outcomes that can begin with small events at the margins; the bitter hubris that dooms inflexible leaders to failure; and the humility that allows great leaders to see events through the eyes of adversaries and, thereby, avert disaster.

Let's start with the issue of leadership. Trump in his first two years, unfortunately, has played the role of under-in-chief. He tends to see himself as the victim in every drama, which makes it almost impossible to empathize with critics. When he sees a scab healing over a racial or ethnic wound, he often rips it off. He has turned resentment into a potent national movement.

Trump's uncompromising style, observes presidential historian Evan Thomas, is weirdly similar to that of Woodrow Wilson,

an idealistic Democratic president. Wilson failed to achieve his life's dream of ratifying the League of Nations treaty because he couldn't find common ground with his chief adversary, Republican Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge.

In a recent study of leadership titled "History's People," MacMillan writes that great leaders managed "to avoid the trap ... of thinking that they were always right."

She says of Wilson: "When he was convinced, as he often was, of the rightness of his cause, he regarded those who disagreed with him as not just wrong but wicked."

Does that sound familiar? That's notes that Trump isn't alone in regarding his political opponents as bad people. These days, he says, "everyone feels morally superior to everyone else." Tolerance is traditionally a core American value, but there is an emerging, bifurcated moral intolerance that treats people with different views as enemies.

Against this backdrop, let's look at the midyear elections. The results are a mixed bag. To be sure, but my sense is that America took a collective step back from the brink on Tuesday. The election was largely about Trump's leadership, and balloting for the House of Representatives—the broadest measure we have of what the country thinks—was the sign that the nation wants a change from Trump's style of leadership.

This election was a character test for America, notes Rick Atkinson, whose "Lib-

erty. There are too many people who look at the state of the Middle East—and think that we simply can't afford to take this investigation to its logical conclusion.

They look at the pivotal role of Saudi Arabia, and they think about what might happen if that government were seriously destabilized—and they shudder.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke for this school of thought when he said that of course the killers of Khashoggi should be brought to justice—but the real problem was Iran.

And Netanyahu is certainly right that Iran is a serious problem. The government in Tehran remains a disruptive force, bent on expanding its role in the region.

We see excessive Iranian influence in Lebanon, in Iraq, in Syria and in Yemen. That influence needs to be diminished.

But we will not put Iran back in its box unless we accept that the Iranians are also highly skillful at exploiting the consequences of the policies of the West and its allies.

In Lebanon, the Iranians made the most of resentments that followed the Israeli invasion of 1982. In Iraq, they found the whole country was virtually handed to them on a plate after the removal of the Sunni regime of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

In Syria, they poured into the gap left by the West's limp-wristed and ultimately abortive attempts to remove President Bashar Assad.

And as for Yemen—the Iranians had virtually no influence in Yemen at any and no real strategic interest until the Saudi-led coalition began its ill-fated campaign of aerial bombardments against the Houthis rebels.

Let us be in no doubt: There is a sense in

eration Trilogy" painted an unforgettable portrait of U.S. leadership in World War II in Europe. "You find yourself hoping for a savior—someone who will arise and become a statesman. But that's a fool's errand. Politics is a collective act, just as war is a collective act." The only safeguard against catastrophic leadership is sound public judgment.

History is a recurring lesson in unintended consequences, argues Kai Bird, a Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer who's now working on a book about President Jimmy Carter. Bird's fascination with history began with Barbara Tuchman's "The Guns of August," an account of the path to catastrophe in 1914. It's a saga, explains Bird, of "how generals, kings and presidents stumbled into war—each side thinking it would be over in a few weeks."

For Bird, there's an eerie sense that "we're on a precipice" again because of possible political misjudgments. "As a historian, I feel things are happening now that may have unintended consequences, especially with a president who is such a lone actor, who may be about to create a constitutional crisis (by firing special counsel Robert Mueller) without knowing where he's heading."

Democracy, in theory, is a self-correcting system. If voters think the country is veering in the wrong direction, they can do something about it—by electing new leadership and changing the course of what is happening. Even with Republican victories in some key Senate and gubernatorial races, the electorate's unhappiness with Trump seems clear, as it does consistently in opinion polls.

Trump can pretend that he won the mid-term elections, but he can't count that a majority of the country appears to reject. But that would be a march of folly.

No justice for Khashoggi? Iran will exploit

By BORIS JOHNSON
Special To The Washington Post

It is now more than a month since the murder of the Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi—and I am starting to have an appalling suspicion.

I don't have any doubt about what happened: the plot to lure him to the Saudi Consulate; the savage attack by heavies from Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's own security team; the dismembering of the body.

Nor do I doubt for a second that this disgusting assassination was ordered at the highest levels of the Saudi regime.

But it is not the forensics that bother me. There is another reason for my nagging anxiety.

After more than a month, we still have no body and no credible account of how and when an explanation might be forthcoming.

We have no clear understanding of how it is proposed that those responsible for this atrocity will be brought to justice or in what forum this might take place.

For all the talk of sanctions for the guilty, it is far from clear how they will be identified or where they will be tried. It is all too easy to see how Khashoggi's case could end up in a murky netherworld in which the straightforward requirements of criminal justice may be warped by the expedients of geopolitics and diplomacy.

My awful suspicion—and I pray I am wrong—is that for one reason or another, the killers, or at least those who ultimately gave the order, may get away with it.

There are simply too many powerful people who would frankly prefer that the whole business be brushed under the car-

pet where the Saudis and their allies are in the right. The Yemeni government was illegally overturned. The actions of the coalition are supported by a U.N. resolution.

But the plain fact is that the campaign has not been successful. In the three years since the Saudis launched their offensive, Yemen has been brought to the brink of starvation—and the Houthis have been driven far from the arms of Iran that in the past year, they have actually started firing Iranian-built missiles at Saudi Arabia.

This war needs to come to an end—and it can. The excellent U.N. special envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffiths, is proposing a deal that would bring an end to the conflict, give the Houthis some of the government of Yemen and ensure that Iran is constitutionally precluded from having a role in the country.

That is why it was right that both Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo decided recently to increase the pressure on Saudi Arabia. We need a ceasefire.

And at this critical moment, it is vital that the long-term strategic partners of Saudi Arabia—both Britain and the United States—are frank in the way that friends are entitled to be frank.

The war in Yemen is turning out to be bitter, far from the arms of Iran that in the past year, they have actually started firing Iranian-built missiles at Saudi Arabia.

The murder of Khashoggi has been terrible for Saudi Arabia—and if there is one way to boost Iran, and all regional critics of the Saudi regime, it would be to hush it all up.

Khassoggi's killers must be found, and justice done, though the heavens fall.

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OPINION

Trump improving as our combatant in chief

By HUGH HEWITT
Special To The Washington Post

President Donald Trump will win re-election. Anyone who watched Wednesday's presser after Trump's big night Tuesday knows in his or her bones that it will happen, because the president is getting better and better at the job. We in the media are rightly upset that the White House has suspended the press credentials of CNN's Jim Acosta, but I suspect the public is with the president on that move and generally admiring of his disdain for those of us with microphones and keyboards.

When I first interviewed Trump in early 2015 before he declared for the presidency, and almost a year later before the New Hampshire primary, I referenced his July 21, 2005, testimony to the Senate on the then-pending remodel of the U.N. headquarters. It is an amazing performance that will capture your rapt attention if you find it on YouTube. Trump was in his element, talking real estate development, New York City commercial space and contractors, labor unions and naiveimate among lessees. He was funny, precise and in command of an amazing array of facts. You can also see over Trump's left shoulder the current ambassador to Germany, Richard Grenell. Grenell was then spokesman for

the United States at the United Nations, and if he gets sent back to New York as is rumored, he will be a talented and rhetorically gifted ambassador.

I bring up the U.N. testimony because the exchanges with the media on Wednesday, especially with Acosta (who has been a welcome guest on my radio show) were lopsidedly in favor of the president. The president has spent two years learning the job to which he brought a communications skill set unmatched by any other commander in chief, except Ronald Reagan, and as much — if not more — television experience than the Gipper. President Barack Obama could do "cool" as well as anyone. Nobody is better at "combative" than Trump, and we live in an age addicted to combativeness. Cable news has adopted sports-like coverage and monetized combativeness. So, too, video games and blockbuster comic-book movies. The culture is built on combativeness.

And the president is getting better and better at the policy and performance aspects of his presidency, getting better on the details even as he sharpens his jousting skills.

I have said since 2015 that Trump is the best interview in America. It is still true. And he is making it look effortless. "60 Minutes," a full-on news conference, the press availabilities in the Oval Office, the walks to the helicopter — he always deliv-

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ers incredibly watchable television.

What he needs is a supporting cast, beyond the superb national security voices he has in Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and national security adviser John Bolton. (Defense Secretary Jim Mattis eschews the talk-show spotlight.) Vice President Mike Pence always connects with conservative audiences, and a few other Cabinet members shine as well. But Trump needs Sunday-show talent beyond Kellyanne Conway. I've written before, for example, that he needs Judge Michael Luttg at the Justice Department; part of Luttg's value would be his commanding presence. If Trump repopulated his front bench with a talented supporting cast of people who would amplify rather than muffle his message, he'll be unstoppable in 2020.

As he leans into the job and gains a new foil in soon-to-be House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., he'll be selling his vision of "compromise." He will be assisted by the ever-capable Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., master of the "long game" and, if Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, vacates his chairman post on the Judiciary Committee, by the committee's incoming chairman, Sen. Lindsey Graham, of South Carolina (the second-best interview in America).

So much could get done — a DACA-plus (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) deal that includes a long, strong, double-sided fence, increasing the Navy to 355 ships, providing jobs in some Democratic states and prescription drug pricing reform based on the demonstration program that Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar rolled out last month.

Linking the experience of the first two years and his communications skills with, finally, a reliable Senate majority and maybe, just maybe, a speaker who'd like a few last markers for history could produce quite a ride. And the re-election that is coming one way or the other could be built on more achievements than the many already assembled.

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Tricare seeking right mix of therapies for kids with autism

By TOM PHILPOTT
Special to Stars and Stripes

Nearly 15,000 military children with autism receive Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services, usually 20 or more hours of therapy per week, to learn desired behaviors and douse undesirable behaviors under a demonstration program offered through Tricare, the military's health insurance benefit.

Though Tricare launched this ABA program in 2014, and has seen spending rise to \$261 million annually, it's still labeled a "demonstration" because the effectiveness of applied behavioral techniques for autism remains unproven, said Navy Capt. Edward Simmer, chief clinical officer of the Tricare Health Plan.

"As of right now," Simmer said, "Applied Behavioral Analysis does not meet Tricare requirements for evidence-based coverage as part of the health benefit. It still does not meet what we call the 'hierarchy-of-evidence' standard."

There are, however, several promising developments for parents who believe ABA helps their children and worry that Tricare coverage will someday end.

First, ABA coverage will continue through 2023 under a program extension approved earlier this year. Over that span Tricare estimates that spending on ABA will rise to \$430 million, the result of both medical inflation and a steady rise in number of children enrolled in the demonstration program. Simmer estimates that only about half of all military children with autism currently receive ABA therapy.

A second notable development is that, at the direction of Congress, Tricare is funding a \$7 million research study, to run the length of the five-year extension. The purpose will be to learn how many ABA sessions are most effective.

"What number of hours a week should a child receive to get the best benefit?" is one question the study should answer, Simmer said. Another is what impact those hours of ABA therapy have on the families of children with autism.

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The study will be run by the University of Rochester in New York and involve 130 military children. With the consent of parents, half of the children will receive standard ABA therapy of 20 or more hours a week and half "adaptive ABA" of only five hours a week. Researchers will learn "what factors predict which mode of treatment is more effective," Simmer says. "Maybe some children do better with one, and some with the other. Can we identify those children in advance [and] design a treatment program up front that best meets that child's needs?"

Finally, Simmer said, Tricare is broadening its autism program to encompass combinations of therapies, not solely ABA. "The idea is to focus on 'the whole child,' while at the same time ensuring adequate support of parents whose involvement is seen as perhaps the most critical factor in effective therapy."

Simmer referred to a question asked of 28,000 parents of autistic children in 2012 by the online support group MyAutism: "Which therapy worked best on your child." Only 15 percent of parents said ABA, which meant it came in third, behind occupational therapy (39 percent) and speech and language therapy (27 percent).

"Right now, the Autism Care Demonstration is solely focused on providing ABA. We want to expand that," said Simmer. "Occupational therapy and speech therapy are already covered benefits but we don't always tie them in well with the ABA. We want to really focus on a more comprehensive treatment plan for these children, to provide all the services they need and making sure all providers are working together as a team. That's going to be a big emphasis for us."

Parents and other advocates for ABA therapy are disappointed Tricare hasn't verified its effectiveness yet and made the program available to all other military reasons. One is that outcome measures

initially deployed were criticized by some providers as inappropriate, forcing Tricare to look for more acceptable tools.

Also, Simmer said, some providers are reluctant to use standard scales to measure outcomes, either because of the cost involved or their concern that requiring children to do measuring tasks will crimp their time with actual therapy.

"I think we have addressed those concerns with the current set of measures we have," Simmer said. "But it did take time to reach by consensus with all of our stakeholders on what the measures should be and how best to move forward."

Every six months Tricare now collects therapy outcomes using the Pervasive Developmental Disabilities Behavior Inventory, or PDDBI, which assesses progress on each of 10 autism traits. Two other outcome measures will be used only every two years, given the time it takes with autism to make significant changes.

The Social Responsiveness Scale, or SRS, will progress on social interactions because children with autism often have problems building relationships, interacting with people or understanding how their actions impact people's feelings.

The demonstration also expects to use the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale to measure personal and social skills from early age to adulthood. Each tool was selected, Simmer said, because "they are assessed by available and will measure different areas of progress to give us an overall picture of how a child is doing."

Some parents have had reasons to criticize the ABA demonstration the past few years. In 2016 Tricare lowered reimbursement fees for categories of providers and in select areas of the country. Congress ordered fee levels restored but not before some providers dropped or stopped accepting Tricare children.

More significant problems surfaced in January this year when new Tricare support contracts took hold and the subcontractor Humana Military hired to process claims for the East Region lacked experience with ABA providers and pay-

ment rates, and also had difficulty screening ABA providers for inclusion in the network.

The largest issue was with claims payment, said Simmer. The processor "didn't properly program in ABA providers" and "what payments should be." ABA rates are different from most other Tricare services. As a result, Tricare "was paying incorrect amounts, payments were delayed significantly and, at times, claims were denied inappropriately. That was obviously a very serious problem."

Ten months since these problems first surfaced Simmer could report "progress," particularly on claim payments. But he said challenges remain for adding ABA providers to the East Region network "in a timely fashion so they could be paid. We still do hear from providers that they're not getting added, or that some of their staff are not getting added, as quickly as they should be."

Humana and Tricare have a plan "that should resolve the remaining issues in the fairly near future," Simmer said. "I'm very optimistic about that. But that plan has not yet been fully implemented [and] involves hiring people and training them. But we're definitely on the path to full resolution."

Health Net Federal Services, the support contractor for Tricare West Region, opted to use the same claims processor that previously handled ABA claims. But even that might not be enough. A shortage of ABA therapists affects many civilian communities too.

When the demonstration ends in five years, Simmer said, it is "very unlikely" Tricare will drop ABA coverage. Far more likely is that the therapy becomes "one component of a comprehensive treatment plan. I think it is important. I think it does benefit some children. We need to figure out which ones, and how much [therapy]. And the research we're sponsoring will help do that."

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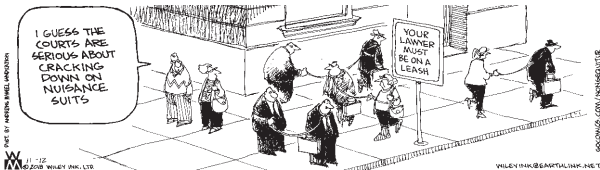
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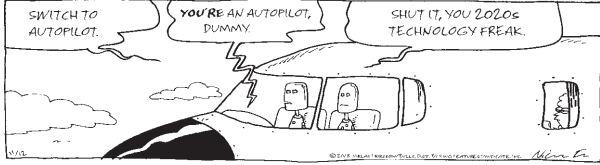
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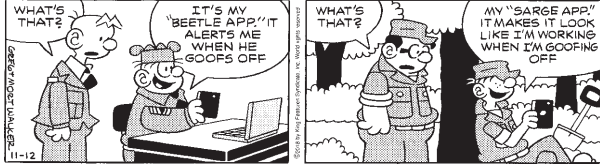
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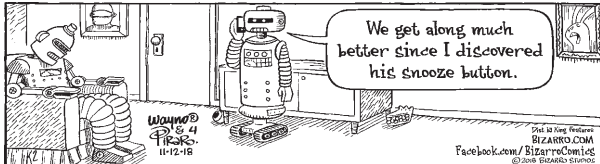
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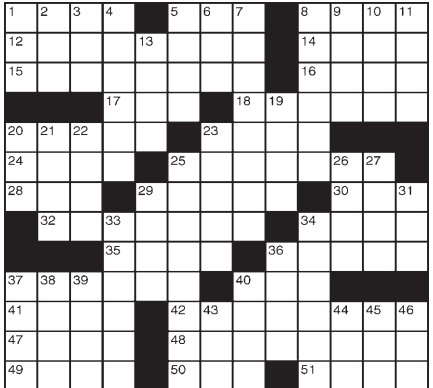
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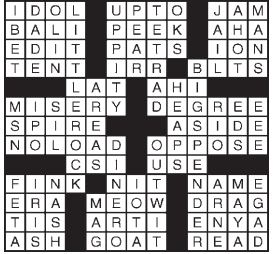
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NHL

Predators remain unbeaten on road

Associated Press

DALLAS — Mattias Ekholm scored 2:27 into overtime as the Nashville Predators rallied to beat the Dallas Stars 5-4 on Saturday night.

Ekholm was penalized for cross checking with 14 seconds left in regulation, 29 seconds after teammate Roman Josi scored the tying goal.

Nashville killed that power play for the first part of OT, and then Ekholm took a cross-ice pass from Kyle Turris and sent the puck over Stars goalie Ben Bishop for his third goal of the season

Nashville (13-3-0) improved to 8-0 on the road this season.

Josi and Ryan Johansen each had a goal and an assist for the Predators. Ryan Hartman and Yannick Weber also scored, and Juuse Saros had 20 saves.

Spezza, Tyler Seguin, Tyler Pitlick and Denis Gurianov scored for Dallas (9-6-2), which lost for the third time in four games.

The Predators trailed 3-1 after two periods.

"No game is ever out of reach if you can do the right things," Nashville coach Peter Laviolette said.



MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

Nashville Predators defenseman Mattias Ekholm (14) scores the winning goal against Stars goaltender Ben Bishop in overtime Saturday night in Dallas. Nashville improved to 8-0 on the road.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	17	6	7	21	53	48
Toronto	17	11	6	22	58	46
Montreal	17	9	5	23	58	55
Boston	16	9	5	23	49	40
Buffalo	17	9	6	22	51	55
Ottawa	17	8	7	21	53	52
Detroit	17	7	8	22	46	47
Florida	17	6	8	21	43	44

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	17	6	7	21	56	58
Philadelphia	17	9	7	21	59	60
N.Y. Islanders	16	5	7	22	48	42
N.Y. Rangers	17	8	7	21	58	54
Pittsburgh	15	7	5	23	51	47
St. Louis	17	6	7	21	53	52
Carolina	17	7	7	23	47	52
New Jersey	14	6	7	13	49	47

Western Conference

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	17	10	5	26	56	53
Minnesota	16	10	4	22	51	42
Dallas	17	9	5	20	50	48
Winnipeg	15	9	5	19	46	40
Colorado	16	7	6	13	55	49
St. Louis	17	6	7	15	50	48
Chicago	17	6	8	15	49	64

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	18	10	6	22	60	62
Calgary	17	9	5	21	53	53
San Jose	17	8	6	20	59	54
Edmonton	16	7	7	19	45	50
Anaheim	18	7	8	17	42	53
Arizona	15	7	7	15	41	38
Vegas	17	7	7	15	43	50
Los Angeles	16	5	10	11	33	50

NOTE: Two points for a win, one for overtime loss and two wild card per conference advance to playoffs.

Friday's games

Toronto 6, New Jersey 1	2-1
Columbus 2, Washington 1	2-1
Detroit 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT	2-1
St. Louis 4, San Jose 3	2-1
Winnipeg 5, Colorado 2	2-1
Montreal 4, Anaheim 1	2-1

Saturday's games

Buffalo 4, Chicago 0	4-0
Philadelphia 3, Vancouver 1	3-1
Nashville 5, Dallas 4, OT	5-4
Toronto 1, Detroit 1	1-1
Florida 4, N.Y. Islanders 2	4-2
Pittsburgh 4, Arizona 0	4-0
Montreal 4, Vegas 1	4-1
Detroit 4, Carolina 3, SO	4-3
Tampa Bay 4, St. Louis 1	4-1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Columbus 4, SO	5-4
Calgary 1, Los Angeles 0	1-0

Sunday's games

Minnesota at St. Louis	3-2
Arizona at Washington	2-1
New Jersey at Winnipeg	2-1
Calgary at San Jose	2-1
Chicago at Edmonton	2-1

Monday's games

Chicago at Carolina	2-1
Vancouver at N.Y. Rangers	2-1
Columbus at Dallas	2-1
Nashville at Anaheim	2-1

Tuesday's games

Vancouver at New Jersey	2-1
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders	2-1
Florida at Philadelphia	2-1
Pittsburgh at Buffalo	2-1
Arizona at Detroit	2-1
Washington at Minnesota	2-1
Montreal at Edmonton	2-1
Toronto at Los Angeles	2-1
Nashville at San Jose	2-1

Saturday

Flyers 4, Blackhawks 0

Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	1	1	1	1	1	1
First Period—1, Philadelphia, Giroux 7:14.						
Second Period—2, Philadelphia, Couturier 6:30, 8:12.						
Third Period—3, Philadelphia, Couturier 7:01 (Giroux, 8:12), 4:18, 4. Philadelphia, Patrick 5 (Couturier, 18:59).						

Shots on Goal—Chicago 13-8-13=34

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0 of 4; Philadelphia 0 of 2

Goals—Chicago, Crawford 3-6-0 (24 shots—3 saves); Philadelphia, Elliott 5-0 (33-3).

A—19,355 (19,543), T—2:25.

Sabres 4, Canucks 3 (SO)

Vancouver	0	1	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	2	1	1	1	1	1

Buffalo won shootout 2-1.

First Period—1, Buffalo, Beaulieu 2 (Ogozso, Dahlin), 4:43.

Second Period—2, Vancouver, Eriksson 4 (Granlund, Horvat), 18:16; 3, Buffalo, Virtanen 7 (Rousseau), 19:26.

Third Period—4, Vancouver, Gudbranson 2 (Eriksson, Rousseau), 3:44; 5, Buffalo, Skinner 12 (Reinhart, Ristolainen), 17:33.

6, Buffalo, Reinhart 2 (Ristolainen, Dahlin), 18:13.

Goals—Vancouver 1 (Pettersson 10:50, Granlund 6, Goldobin 10), Buffalo 2 (Eichel 6, Reinhart 10, Mittelstadt 6).

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 15-12-37=32.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 4; Buffalo 0 of 2.

Goals—Vancouver, Markstrom 7-3-2 (37 shots—34 saves), Crawford 6-1 (39-36).

A—17,641 (19,070), T—2:47.

Predators 5, Stars 4 (OT)

Nashville	0	1	1	1	5	5
Dallas	1	1	1	1	4	4

First Period—1, Dallas, Pitlick 3 (Fasola, 4:04), Dallas, Spezza 4:43 (39-36).

Second Period—1, Nashville, Hartman 5 (Pitlick 3, Dallas, Seguin 5 (Honka, Nickischin), 6:47, 4. Dallas, Spezza 4:43 (39-36).

Third Period—5, Nashville, Johansen 3 (Arvidsson, Josi), 6:17, 6. Nashville, Weber 2 (Seguin, Dallas, Josi), 11:39, 12. Nashville, Forsberg 19:17 (17-33).

Overtime—3, Nashville, Ekholm 3 (Turris, Subban), 2:27.

Shots on Goal—Nashville 14-8-10=32.

34, Dallas 4-8-9=32.

Power-play opportunities—Nashville 1 of 5; Dallas 0 of 3.

Goals—Nashville, Stars 7-2-0 (34 shots—20 saves), Dallas, Bishop 6-5 (34-29).

A—18,532 (18,532), T—2:43.

Penguins 4, Coyotes 0

Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	1	1	1	1	1	1

Second Period—1, Pittsburgh, Crosby 8 (Kessel, Guentzert), 6:42; 2, Pittsburgh, Simon 4 (Rust, Mattila), 8:34; 3, Pittsburgh, Horngren 5 (Simon, Johnson), 15:44.

Third Period—1, Pittsburgh, Dumoulin 1 (Crosby, Guentzert), 7:24.

Shots on Goal—Arizona 12-16-11=39.

Pittsburgh 13-10-9=32.

Power-play opportunities—Arizona 0 of 4; Pittsburgh 0 of 2.

Goals—Arizona, Kuemper 3-1-2 (32 shots—28 saves); Pittsburgh, Desharnais 1-2 (39-39).

A—18,596 (18,387), T—2:30.

Bruins 5, Maple Leafs 1

Toronto	0	1	0	1	0	0
Boston	1	2	2	5	5	5

First Period—1, Boston, Bergeron 9 (Pastrnak), 16:12.

Second Period—2, Boston, Pastrnak 13 (Bergeron, Grezelyk), 5:46; 2, Boston, Pastrnak 14 (Bergeron, Marchand), 10:34 (pp.).

4, Toronto, Tavares 10 (Rielly, Marchand), 19:30.

Third Period—5, Boston, Pastrnak 15 (Marchand, Krug), 14:04 (pp., 6, Boston, Nordstrom 3 (Kreick), 14:30.

Shots on Goal—Toronto 20-10-11=41.

Boston 6-15-22=36.

Power-play opportunities—Toronto 0 of 3; Boston 2 of 4.

Goals—Toronto, Sparks 2-1-0 (34 shots—29 saves), Boston, Halak 5-1-2 (41-40).

A—17,565 (17,565), T—2:35.

Panthers 4, Islanders 2

N.Y. Islanders	1	1	0	2	0	0
Florida	1	1	2	4	4	4

First Period—1, Florida, Malign 1 (Gustafson, McCann), 18:18; 2, N.Y. Islanders, Barzal 2 (Lee), 7:28.

Second Period—3, N.Y. Islanders, Nelson 8 (Kutchnick, Mayfield), 8:10; 4, Florida, Hoffman 7 (Matheson, Dadonov), 19:14.

Third Period—5, Florida, Barkov 3 (Vandell), 4:43 (pp., 6, Florida, Browner 2 (Kutchnick), 19:59.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 13-13-5=31.

Florida 10-14-11=31.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 0 of 4; Florida 0 of 5.

Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Lehner 4-4-1 (30 shots—27 saves), Luongo 3-0-0 (31-29).

A—11,547 (12,750), T—2:28.

Senators 6, Lightning 4

Ottawa	2	0	4	6	2	2
Tampa Bay	1	1	3	0	4	4

First Period—1, Ottawa, Duchene 6 (White), 5:58; 2, Ottawa, Ryan 5 (Cecili, 7:21; 3, Tampa Bay, Joseph 3 (Coburn, Seragachev), 8:49.

Second Period—4, Tampa Bay, Hedman 3 (Veselovsky), 0:39 (pp., 5, Tampa Bay, Coburn 3 (Joseph, Killorn), 9:15; 6, Tampa Bay, Joseph 4 (Girrell, Killorn), 14:32.

Third Period—7, Ottawa, Tkachuk 4, 0:50; 8, Ottawa, White 6 (Ryan, Tkachuk), 8:41 (pp., 9, Ottawa, Dzingel 8 (Duchene), 10:00; 10, Ottawa, Stone 7 (Ryan, Duchene), 15:48 (pp.).

Shots on Goal—Ottawa 13-8-13=34.

Tampa Bay 12-11-27=39.

Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 2 of 4; Tampa Bay 1 of 5.

Goals—Ottawa, Anderson 7-5-5 (28 shots—24 saves), Tampa Bay, Vasilevsky 9-3-3 (34-34).

A—10,992 (10,992), T—2:34.

Flames 1, Kings 0

Calgary	1	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0

First Period—1, Calgary, Hamonic 2 (Girard, Taniuchi), 12:11.

Shots on Goal—Calgary 8-13=15=36.

Los Angeles 8-4-9=21.

Power-play opportunities—Calgary 0 of 1; Los Angeles 0 of 3.

Goals—Calgary, Ritchie 5-1-0 (21 shots—26 saves); Los Angeles, Campbell 5-7-0 (36-35).

A—15,230 (18,230), T—2:31.

Roundup

Pastrnak lifts Bruins over Leafs

Associated Press

BOSTON — David Pastrnak had three goals and an assist to lead the Boston Bruins to a 5-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Saturday night.

Patrice Bergeron had a goal and two assists, Joakim Nordstrom also scored and Brad Marchand had two assists as the Bruins ended the Maple Leafs' three-game winning streak and handed Toronto its first road loss of the season. Jaroslav Halak stopped 40 shots.

John Tavares scored the only goal for Toronto, and Garret Sparks finished with 29 saves. Pastrnak's second hat trick of the season gave him the NHL scoring lead with 15 goals after he entered in a four-way tie for the most.

After assisting on Bergeron's goal late in the first period, Pastrnak scored twice in the second and completed got his third of the night with a one-timer from the left circle with 5:56 left to play.

Rangers 5, Blue Jackets 4 (SO): Jimmy Vesey scored in the fifth round of the shootout to give visiting New York its fifth win in six games.

Red Wings 4, Hurricanes 3 (SO): Anthony Mantha scored twice and Frans Nielsen got the deciding goal in the shootout to lead visiting Detroit.

Flyers 4, Blackhawks 0: Sean Couturier had two goals and an assist, Brian Elliott made 33 saves as host Philadelphia beat Chicago.

Sabres 4, Canucks 3 (SO): Jeff Skinner and Sam Reinhart rallied Buffalo with goals late in the third period, and Jack Eichel and Casey Mittelstadt scored in the shootout to beat visiting Vancouver.

Penguins 4, Coyotes 0: Sidney Crosby had a goal and an assist, Casey DeSmith stopped 39 shots and host Pittsburgh snapped a five-game losing streak.

Panthers 4, Islanders 2: Aleksander Barkov scored the go-ahead goal in the third period to lead host Florida.

Senators 6, Lightning 4: Rookie Brady Tkachuk had a goal and an assist, and Ryan Dzingel scored a tying goal as visiting Ottawa rallied past Tampa Bay.

Canadiens 5, Golden Knights 4: Andrew Shaw scored twice, Tomas Tatar had the go-ahead goal and Montreal spoiled the homecoming of Max Pacioretty, who was traded to Vegas during the off-season.

Flames 1, Kings 0: David Ritchie stopped 21 shots for his first career shutout and Travis Hamonic scored to help visiting Calgary win for the fifth time in six games.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL/HIGH SCHOOL

Top 25 roundup

No. 3 Zags demolish Texas So.

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SPOKANE, Wash. — Brandon Clark made 19 points, 13 rebounds and six blocked shots as No. 3 Gonzaga beat Texas Southern 104-67 on Saturday night.

Josh Perkins added 19 points and 11 assists for Gonzaga (2-0), which had little trouble handling the Tigers. Rui Hachimura added 17 points in 20 minutes after battling foul trouble for most of the first half.

Trayvon Reed had 14 points and 16 rebounds for Texas Southern (1-1).

No. 9 Villanova 86, Quinnipiac 53: Phil Booth scored a career-high 23 points, and the Wildcats routed the Bobcats.

Booth made three of Villanova's 12 3-pointers. The Wildcats (2-0) shot 47.1 percent (32 for 68) from the floor.

Villanova led by as many as 37. The Wildcats (2-0) outrebounded Quinnipiac 50-29, including 20 offensive rebounds that led to 26 second-chance points.

The Bobcats (0-1), coached by former Villanova assistant Baker Dunleavy, made just 34 percent of its shots. Cameron Young scored 18 points for the Bobcats.

No. 16 Syracuse 84, Morehead State 70: Tyus Battle scored 23 points and Elijah Hughes had 21, leading the host Orange to the victory.

Oshae Brissett added 17 points and 13 rebounds for Syracuse (2-0), which opened the season with a 66-34 victory over Eastern Washington on Tuesday night. Paschal Chukwu also had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Jordan Walker led the Eagles (1-2) with 24 points, including 19 in the second half. Lamontay Harris had 14 and Malek Green finished with 12.

No. 19 Michigan 56, Holy Cross 37: Charles Matthews scored 20 points and Ignas Brazdeikis added 19, helping the Wolverines to the win at home.

Brazdeikis scored 15 in the first 4:49 of the second half as part of a 32-8 run that gave Michigan a commanding lead.

Reserve forward Connor Nieto scored 13 points for the Crusaders (1-1), all on 5-of-5 shooting in the first half.

No. 24 Purdue 84, Ball State 75: Carsen Edwards scored 23 points on 8-for-22 shooting, and the host Boilermakers pulled away for the victory.

Matt Haarms had 16 points for Purdue (2-0) despite battling foul trouble. Evan Boudreaux added 14 points and seven rebounds, and Nojel Eastern finished with 12 points and nine boards.

Taylor Persons led the Cardinal (1-1) with 19 points and eight rebounds. But he was shut down after Purdue coach Matt Painter put Eastern on him in the paint half.

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Travon Morton set the tone by returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Chris Mason slammed the door with a pick six in the closing minutes. In between, Patrick Kelly added healthy doses of passing to help keep the points coming.

Together, they helped Kinnick capture the one championship that has eluded the 72-year-old program — a Far East Division I title. The Red Devils earned that grail by bursting in front early, then holding off defending champion Kadena 38-20 on Saturday.

It was a victory just a year in the making, coach Dan Joley said — 54 weeks after the Panthers edged the Red Devils 23-22, scoring on the last play of the game to capture their Pacific-record sixth Far East D-I title.

"These kids truly understand the value of football, they understand what it's like to bounce back from a setback, to set a goal and work toward achieving that goal," said Joley, in his ninth year at the Red Devils' helm.

The Far East playoffs began in 2005 and the Red Devils had not even appeared in the title game until last season.

The Panthers were in their Pacific-record 11th title game, and had plenty of adversity to overcome, starting with a thigh injury to senior quarterback Eric McCarter. It limited his mobility and in turn, Kadena's offense.

"We had too many missing pieces, we were trying to create things that we didn't do before," Panthers coach Sergio Mendoza said. "Kinnick is a great team. They were better coached, they did a better job and they wanted it more than us. They deserved it more."

Morton caught the opening kickoff at the Red Devils' 12-yard line, moved left, spun the line and ran 88 yards to give Kinnick the lead.

"I told Trey he is on for a special night, and he was," Joley said.

"I didn't see the opening at first," said Morton, a transfer from Tennessee. "When I did see it, I had to take it. When I did, I knew the game was in our hands."

Morton finished the season with 914 yards



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Kinnick running back Travon Morton drags a couple of Kadena defenders downfield. Morton returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and ran in two other scores.

and 13 touchdowns on 101 carries. He scored twice on the ground in the first half and Zach Kornegay caught a TD pass from Kelly, offsetting a 32-yard TD run on a reverse by Kadena's Wyatt Knopp.

It was 28-6 Kinnick less than a minute into the second quarter. From there, McCarter gave way to Knopp, who began the season at quarterback for Kadena and would finish the season as such.

Knopp helmed a 15-play, 77-yard drive over 7:39, scoring on a 2-yard run to cut the lead in half 3:24 before intermission. Trent Fawler's 67-yard pick six for Kadena midway through the third quarter trimmed the margin to eight points.

It was as close as the Panthers would get.

Dan Burke boosted the lead to 31-20 with a 28-yard field goal. With 1:24 left, lineman Chris Mason intercepted Knopp and ran 8 yards for a pick six.

"It was amazing," Mason said, adding that he didn't see the ball until it "arrived in my hands, and I knew what I had to do."

Morton had 68 yards on 11 carries. Kelly finished 13-for-24 for 205 yards. Chris Watson caught six passes for 116 yards. Gabriel Stravers also had an interception for Kinnick.

Kelly, a junior, finished the season 75-for-140 for 1,294 yards and 17 touchdowns.

"This season and tonight's game was the result of Patrick managing all the weapons that he had," Joley said.

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Osan slips past Zama to cap big turnaround

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Osan's football program has come a long way in two years.

Jaden Wright rushed for two touchdowns, Gregory Lynn returned a fumble for a touchdown and Joey Betts was perfect on three extra-point kicks and a 24-yard field goal as the Cougars outlasted host Zama 24-20 on Saturday for their first Far East D-II title since 2005.

"Our kids believed, and there's magic in believing," said coach Jerome Learnman, who transferred from Michigan to Osan before the season.

Noting that Zama had advantages in size, speed and experience, and that Osan (4-1) had just one healthy receiver, "We just executed our game plan, kept it on the ground," Learnman said.

"Three yards, three yards, three yards. Our offensive line played their butts off and our defense was lights out. We somehow

made enough plays on defense. And our special teams came up big. All phases of the game, we all contributed."

This was Osan's first championship since the first year of the Far East playoff system 13 years ago, when the Cougars beat Edgren 16-14. Osan also played in and lost the 2006 and 2008 Far East D-II finals.

The program fell on hard times in 2015, when the Cougars were forced to suspend play due to a lack of healthy players. Osan didn't field a team in 2016 and played a non-varsity schedule in 2017 before returning to varsity football this season.

Zama finished the season 4-4 and suffered its first loss to a Division II team. This was the Trojans' first appearance in the D-II final since 2012, when Zama won the second of its D-II titles in four years.

"We had a couple of mixups" on special teams that helped set up Osan for points and good field po-



JACK HOBBS/Special to Stars and Stripes

Osan's Jaden Wright, who had two touchdowns Saturday, fights his way through Zama defenders.

sition, "Trojans caught Scott Bolin said. "We settled down, but we didn't click as soon as we needed to. We fell a little short."

Nick Canada threw a touchdown pass to Cael Hammond and ran for a score, while Luke

Singer rushed for a TD to account for Zama's points.

"We didn't execute as well as we could have" early in the game, Bolin said. "Execution issues early put us in a hole we couldn't get out of."

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Zama's Leah Sakamoto-Flack tries to force a shot through a pair of Christian Academy Japan defenders during Saturday's match.

Far East volleyball

Knights end long drought for D-II crown

Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — After a slow start to the tournament, Christian Academy Japan turned it on the last two days and captured its first Far East title since winning the Division I crown nine years ago.

They last won the Division II title 19 years ago.

Led by middle blocker Annabelle Deakins and outside hitter Kachel Bedow, both seniors, the Knights held off Zama 21-25, 25-15, 25-18, 23-25, 15-10 for the title on Saturday.

"I was really proud of them. They hung in there and kept pushing back," coach Tanya Hall said of her Knights.

Deakins piled up "lots of kills and blocks" throughout the last two days, while Bedow was "the glue that held everything together," Hall said.

Setter Mitsuki Hishimura got hurt during warmups but came back to have a big game.

"She was all over the court setting things up," Hall said.

Far East volleyball

Dragons' adjustment clinches it

Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — A setting adjustment made the difference for Kubasaki as it rallied from two sets down Saturday to capture its fourth Far East Division I Girls Volleyball Tournament title in five years.

Senior setter Mimi Larry, named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, had 43 assists and the Dragons came back from a two-set hole to dethrone defending champion Seisen in five sets for the crown. Kubasaki won 23-25, 20-25, 25-16, 25-16, 15-10.

It might not have been possible, coach Mike Hogen said, had not Larry made changes to her sets; she had been called for 10 carrying violations in the first set, which threw the Dragons off their game.

"I didn't think it was possible" for the Dragons to rally, Hogen said. "But Mimi somehow changed her setting technique. It took about 1½ sets and then we just rolled."

Senior Donatella Barone benefitted from the change to record 18 kills. Sophomore Zoe Weidley, in her last match in Dragon uniform, had 19 digs. Freshman Alys-a Alvarado recorded eight aces.

For the former champion Phoenix, Lili Vandercamme had 14 kills and six block points. Monoka Umeyama had 20 digs and Jenny Niwa had 37 assists.

"I was proud of the team for not giving up," Hogen said. "When you see them be resilient like that ... they didn't give up. They kept believing they could deal with the adversity. That's pretty special."

Of the four titles the Dragons have won on this watch, Hogen said this one was comparable to the first one Kubasaki won in 2014.

Kubasaki upset three-time champion American School In Japan that year in an era when DODEA teams typically didn't even make it to the championship round. Now, DODEA teams have won five of the last nine titles.

Seisen had been trying for its first back-to-back titles in school history. A year ago, the Phoenix won their first D-I banner since 1993.



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With Seisen trailing 10-3 in the fifth set, Phoenix hitter Sarah Atanacio tries to belt a spike past Kubasaki middles Donatella Barone and Abby Robinson.

Far East tennis

Masuda, Omachi take home D-I singles trophies

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Christian Academy Japan's Kaito Masuda was as familiar with his Far East tennis boys singles foe as he could be Saturday.

He and Kai Teremer of Yokota used to work out together at the same tennis club off base, and Masuda said Teremer might know all of Masuda's weaknesses on the court.

But after overcoming an opening battle with jitters, Masuda settled down

and won the first set easily, then held off Teremer in the second set to win the boys singles title 6-0, 6-4.

"I knew his forehand is good and that he's consistent," Masuda said. "I lost my concentration for a second, then I regained my focus. I knew that if I held my composure, I could win, and I did."

On the girls side, the pre-tournament favorite, junior Sarah Omachi of Seisen, won the singles title and teamed with Amana Fujikawa to capture the girls doubles.

"Today, even if I missed (a shot), I

stayed calm," Omachi said. "My composure was better than usual. I've grown a lot mentally in the last year. I used to get frustrated a lot easier."

It was a big day for Knights tennis, in particular the boys. Kiri Mori and Kento Berry won the boys doubles and CAJ won all three Division II banners, the boys, girls and overall school titles.

Seisen won the Division I girls title. Sister school St. Mary's won the boys D-I title, while Yongsan International of Seoul, in its first D-I appearance, won the overall school banner.

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Saturday's stars

Daniel Jones, Duke, accounted for 547 total yards and four TDs to help the Blue Devils beat rival North Carolina 42-35.

Anthony Lawrence, San Diego, threw for 556 yards and a Pioneer League record-tying seven TDs in a 56-52 win over Davidson.

Jordan Love, Utah State, threw for a career-high 491 yards and five TDs in just three quarters, lifting the No. 14 Aggies to a 62-24 win over San Jose State.

Collin Eaddy, Princeton, rushed for 266 yards and three TDs in a 59-46 win over Yale.

Qadree Ollison, Pittsburgh, ran for 235 yards and three TDs in a 52-22 victory over Virginia Tech.

Tucker Yinger, Dayton, rushed for 264 yards and scored four TDs in a 63-20 rout over Morehead State.

Kyler Murray, Oklahoma, passed for 349 yards, ran for 66 and the No. 6 Sooners survived a late two-point conversion attempt to beat Oklahoma State 48-47.

Taylor Cornelius, Oklahoma State, passed for a career-high 501 yards and three TDs in a 48-47 loss to Oklahoma.

Darnell Mooney, Tulane, caught six passes for 217 yards and two TDs to help the Green Wave hold off East Carolina 24-18.

Ra'Quanne Dickens, Incarnate Word, ran 35 times for 213 yards and three TDs in a 40-27 win over Central Arkansas.

Eno Benjamin, Arizona State, ran a career-high 34 times for 182 yards and a score in the Sun Devils' 31-28 win over UCLA.

Ben DiNucci, James Madison, threw for four TDs and ran for one in a 48-31 win over Rhode Island.

Will Warner, Drake, had three interceptions in a 13-10 win over Marist.

— The Associated Press



ELI LUCERO, THE HERALD JOURNAL/AP

Utah State quarterback Jordan Love passes against San Jose State on Saturday, Love threw for a career-high 491 yards and five touchdowns on 32-for-42 passing in just three quarters. His passing yards were the third-highest single game total for Utah State.

How the AP Top 25 fared

1 Alabama (10-0) beat No. 18 Mississippi State 24-0. Josh Jacobs ran for a touchdown and caught a scoring pass and Alabama had its second straight shutout. With quarterback Tua Tagovailoa still battling a gimpy right knee, the Crimson Tide turned to its defense for another vintage performance.

2 Clemson (10-0) beat No. 17 Boston College 27-7. Trevor Lawrence threw a touchdown pass and ran for a score and Clemson knocked Boston College quarterback Anthony Brown out of the game early. The battle for first-place in the Atlantic Coast Conference Atlantic Division was not much of a fight. The Tigers wrapped up a fourth straight trip to the league title game as division champions.

3 Notre Dame (10-0) beat Florida State 42-13. Brandon Wimshut threw three first-half touchdown passes, Dexter Williams ran for a career-high 202 yards and Notre Dame routed Florida State. The Irish were green jerseys for the fourth time in Brian Kelly's nine-year tenure to honor the seniors.

4 Michigan (9-1) beat Rutgers 42-7. Shea Patterson threw for 260 yards and three touchdowns, and Brian Highten had two 1-yard scoring runs and the Wolverines won their ninth straight and remain in first place in the Big Ten East.

5 Georgia (9-1) beat Auburn 27-10. Georgia struck for a pair of touchdowns late in the first half to take control and Andrew Swift finished off Auburn with a 77-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter. Swift rushed for 186 yards to power another big game by Georgia's running attack, which finished with 303 yards.

Next vs. UMass, Saturday.

6 Oklahoma (9-1) beat Oklahoma State 48-47. Kyler Murray passed for 349 yards and ran for 66 and the Sooners survived a late two-point conversion attempt to beat Oklahoma State. Kennedy Brooks ran for 165 yards and three touchdowns, Trey Sermon ran for 120 yards and two scores and Marquise Brown caught eight passes for 142 yards and a score for the Sooners.

7 West Virginia (8-1) beat TCU 47-10. Will Grier threw three touchdown passes and West Virginia, chasing a berth in the Big 12 championship game, had no trouble against the injury-riddled Horned Frogs. Grier was 25-for-39 for 343 yards.

8 Ohio State (9-1) beat No. 24 Michigan State 26-6. Drupe Chrisman kept Michigan State pinned back with a sensational second-half punt, and Ohio State eventually pulled away.

9 LSU (8-2) beat Arkansas 24-17. Joe Burrow was 15-for-21 for 195 yards and a touchdown and the LSU defense dominated Arkansas. Justin Jefferson had six catches for 117 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown for the game's first score.

10 Washington State (9-1) beat Colorado 31-7. Gardner Minshew II overcame a slow start and three fourth-down failures to lead Washington State past nose-diving Colorado. The Cougars won their sixth straight. Minshew was 35-for-58 for 335 yards and two TDs.

Next vs. Arizona, Saturday.

11 UCF (9-0) beat Navy 35-24. McKenzie Milton threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score, helping UCF extend the nation's longest winning streak to 22 games. The Midshipmen finished a three-week stretch in which they lost to Notre Dame, Cincinnati and UCF, who were a combined 25-1 entering Saturday.

12 Kentucky (7-3) lost to Tennessee 24-7. Jarrett Guarantano threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to No. Marquel Callaway on the final play of the first half and Darrell Taylor had four sacks to help the Vols beat Kentucky at Neyland Stadium for a 17th straight time.

13 Syracuse (8-2) beat Louisville 54-23, Friday. Moe Neal rushed for a career-best 159 yards and two touchdowns, quarterback Eric Dungey ran for two more scores and passed for one, and Syracuse took advantage of five Louisville miscues to rout the Cardinals.

Next vs. No. 3 Notre Dame, Bronx, N.Y., Saturday.

14 Utah State (9-1) beat San Jose State 62-24. Jordan Love threw for a career-high 491 yards and five touchdowns on 32-of-42 passing in just three quarters, and Utah State totaled 804 yards in offense. Darwin Thompson had 140 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries along with 115 yards and a pair of scores on four receptions.

15 Texas (7-3) beat Texas Tech 41-34. Sam Ehlinger threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Will Jordan Humphrey, with 21 seconds left and Texas beat Texas Tech after blowing a 17-point lead in the fourth quarter to snap a two-game skid that had cost them the Big 12 lead.

Next vs. No. 23 Iowa State, Saturday.

16 Fresno State (8-2) lost to Boise State 24-17, Friday. Brett Rypien threw for 269 yards and Alexander Mattison rushed for 143 yards and a pair of touchdowns to lead Boise State to an upset of Fresno State. The Bulldogs entered the game as the nation's No. 2 scoring defense and had only given up three touchdowns in conference play before facing the Broncos.

17 Boston College (7-3) lost to No. 2 Clemson 27-7. Boston College lost quarterback Anthony Brown on its first possession when the sophomore got off a third-and-9 pass, but was thrown to the turf by star defensive tackle Christian Wilkins. Trainers attended to Brown on the field and he walked to the sideline on his own.

18 Mississippi State (6-4) lost to No. 1 Alabama 24-0. Alabama had five sacks and Mississippi State had four in a rough day for both quarterbacks. Nick Fitzgerald was 11-for-20 for 125 yards for the Bulldogs, who gained just 44 yards on 30 rushes.

19 Florida (7-3) beat South Carolina 35-31. Feleipe Franks silenced the home crowd twice after touchdown runs, seemingly sending a message after getting benched last week and booed earlier in the game, and Florida rallied to beat South Carolina to end a two-game losing streak.

20 Washington (7-3) did not play. The Huskies still have a path to the Rose Bowl in their control. A win against Oregon State would give Washington a chance to win the Pac-12 North by beating Washington State in the Apple Cup.

Next vs. Oregon State, Saturday.

21 Penn State (7-3) beat Wisconsin 22-10. Trace McSorley tied the Penn State record for victories by a quarterback with 29, leading the Nittany Lions past Wisconsin. Miles Sanders ran for 159 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries, and McSorley completed 19 of 25 passes for 160 yards and a TD.

22 Wake Forest (27-3), Thursday. Jamie Newman threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Jack Freudenenthal with 30 seconds left to give Wake Forest an upset victory over North Carolina State. This one is going to sting the Wolfpack, who settled for three short field goals after drives stalled deep inside the red zone.

23 Iowa State (6-3) beat Baylor 28-14. Brock Purdy threw for a touchdown and ran for another score, and Iowa State topped Baylor. Iowa State star David Montgomery and Baylor linebacker Greg Roberts were ejected after throwing punches at each other early in the third quarter.

24 Michigan State (6-4) lost to No. 8 Ohio State 26-6. Both offenses found the going tough. Michigan State was 2-for-16 on third down. The Spartans used both Brian Lewerke and Rocky Lombardi at quarterback but never reached the end zone.

25 Cincinnati (9-1) beat South Florida 35-23. Michael Warren II ran for three touchdowns and caught a pass for a score, keeping Cincinnati in the chase for the American Athletic title. Warren ran for three touchdowns in the third quarter, including a 57-yarder.

Next at No. 11 UCF, Saturday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Central Florida running back Adrian Killins Jr. (9) is tackled by Navy safety Jacob Springer (1) as defensive back Michael McMorris (5) watches during the first half of UCF's 35-24 win Saturday.

Academies roundup

Remsberg leads Falcons with an engaging game

Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Kadin Remsberg had a big hand in an Air Force win. Right after, he dropped to a knee and asked for his girlfriend's hand in marriage.

A sterling performance that turned into a diamond experience.

The script couldn't have gone any more smooth for the Air Force sophomore tailback as he had a career-best 99 yards rushing in leading the Falcons to a 42-24 win over New Mexico on Saturday.

His pre-engagement jitters turned into post-game nerves once time expired. He had the perfect game plan all set up, inviting her parents to attend the game — unbeknownst to her — and having his teammates join him on the field as he proposed.

She said yes.

"A near-perfect day, I would say," said Remsberg, who had a 54-yard TD run. "It was great who it turned out."

Quarterback Donald Hammond III rushed for a career-high 136 yards to re-energize the ground game and threw two TD passes to tight end Kade Waguespack.

Defensive back Grant Theil made the most of his first start by powering the Air Force defense with an interception and a forced fumble that led to a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter to give the Falcons (4-6, 2-4 Mountain West) some breathing room. His parents made it in from Indiana to see him play.

Hammond's big day also included a 37-yard TD run to help the Falcons snap a two-game skid and keep their bowl aspirations afloat.

"It was like the playoffs," defensive lineman Jordan Jackson said. "It's either win or go home."

Army 31, Lafayette 13: Still perfect at home, not so perfect on the field. Army coach Jeff Monken will take it — grudgingly.

Darnell Woolfolk rushed for 69 yards and two touchdowns. Calen Holt and Kelvin Hopkins Jr. each scored on short runs, and Army beat visiting Lafayette on a windswept Saturday.

It was the sixth straight victory for Army (8-2), which has won 12 in a row at home. Lafayette (3-7), which plays in the Championship Subdivision, fell behind early and was doomed by a blocked punt to start the second half.

"I challenged our team this week to try and play our very best football, to play the best that we can play," Monken said. "At this point in the season we really need to be doing that if we're going to accomplish the goals that we've still got out there. I don't think we did that today, but it was good enough to win. We made some plays."

Army dominated the opening half, running twice as many plays as the Leopards, outgaining them 256-63, and holding the ball for nearly 22 minutes to gain a 17-6 lead. The margin could have been greater if not for a turnover and two false start penalties in a three-play sequence with the ball inside the Lafayette 10 that forced Army to kick a field goal on the game's first drive.

UCF 35, Navy 24: No. 11 UCF is becoming predictable as the Knights pursue another undefeated season.

"At the end of the day, if you're doing it right inside of your program, each game becomes bigger," UCF coach Josh Heupel said Saturday after McKenney Milton threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third to key a victory that extended the nation's longest winning streak to 22 games.

UCF (9-0, 6-0) finished as the only unbeaten team in the Football Bowl Subdivision a year ago, but was not included in the CFP. The Knights currently are one of four FBS teams that remain undefeated, along with the top three teams in the latest CFP rankings — Alabama, Clemson and Notre Dame.

A week after being limited to a season-low 124 yards rushing in a 42-0 road loss at Cincinnati, Navy got one of the nation's most productive running attacks back on track in Orlando. The Midshipmen rolled up 374 yards total offense, all of it rushing.

Quarterback Zach Abey scored on runs of 5 and 8 yards, finishing with a team-best 85 yards rushing.

Sooners stave off Cowboys' late push

By CLIFF BRUNT

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma escaped again.

And in what the Sooners call "Championship November," nothing is more important.

Kyler Murray passed for 349 yards and ran for 66 and No. 6 Oklahoma survived a late two-point conversion attempt to beat Oklahoma State 48-47 on Saturday. The Sooners continued their push for a Big 12 title and a spot in the College Football Playoff by winning their 15th consecutive November game dating to 2014.

It was another close call — the victory came a week after Oklahoma edged Texas Tech 51-46. The Sooners will take the shootouts as long as they keep getting the best of them.

"As bad as we played on defense, coming out with a 'W' is all that matters," Oklahoma linebacker Curtis Bolton said. "You can play good defense and lose a game, and it doesn't matter that you played good defense. It matters that you lost the game. So even if you're playing bad defense, we played good when it counted and came out with a 'W,' and at the end of the day, that's what matters."

Oklahoma nearly saw its chances of reaching its goals vanish. Oklahoma State's Taylor Cornelius connected with Trevon Wallace on a 24-yard touchdown pass to cut Oklahoma's lead to one with 1:03 to play. Oklahoma State went for two, but Cornelius threw short and into coverage, Oklahoma's Tre Brown got his hand on the ball and the pass fell incomplete.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy was confident in his decision to go for two.

"As the game was going back and forth, on the road, struggling stopping them — probably the best thing," he said. "Had a shot at it, just didn't make a good throw."

Oklahoma recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

"That's why they call it Bedlam," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "It lived up to the name, lived up to the rivalry."

Kennedy Brooks ran for 165 yards and three touchdowns, Trey Sermon ran for 124 yards and two scores and Marquise Brown caught eight passes for 142 yards and a score for the Sooners (9-1, 6-1 Big 12, 6 CFP).

Cornelius passed for a career-high 501 yards and three touchdowns for the Cowboys (5-5, 2-5). Wallace caught 10 passes for 220 yards and two scores. Chuba Hubbard ran for 104 yards and three scores. He lost a critical fumble in the fourth quarter.

In all, Oklahoma State gained 640 yards in a rough outing for Oklahoma interim defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill's unit.

"Were we at our best tonight? No," Riley said. "Especially in the first half. Especially there. We did miss more tackles than we have been missing. It's some-



ALONZO ADAMS/AP

Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray passed for 349 yards and ran for 66 to lead the Sooners to a 48-47 defeat of Oklahoma State on Saturday.

thing that we're going to have to do better."

Oklahoma State took a 35-34 lead in the third quarter on Hubbard's 2-yard run, but the Sooners responded quickly. Brooks had a 5-yard touchdown on the last play of the third quarter to give Oklahoma a 41-35 lead.

Hubbard scored again with 12:20 to play, but Oklahoma State kicker Matt Ammendola missed the extra point, leaving the score tied at 41.

With Oklahoma State driving for the lead, Hubbard fumbled, and Oklahoma's Kenneth Murray recovered with 6:09 to play. Oklahoma took advantage when Trey Sermon powered in from the 1 with 3:29 left, setting up Oklahoma State's final drive.

For all that Cornelius accomplished — he produced the third-highest passing yardage total in Oklahoma State history — he missed the pass he needed most.

"Sometimes in life, things don't always go your way," Gundy said. "But I told the team I couldn't be any more proud of them. Came to the fight, stood tall and said, 'Here I am.' That's what we asked them to do, and that's what they did."

The takeaways: Oklahoma State:

The Cowboys have an offense that can compete with any team in the Big 12, but the defense gave up 702 yards. Oklahoma State has allowed at least 30 points in five straight games. Oklahoma: The Sooners continue to score almost at will, but their defense, though showing signs of improvement, continues to struggle.

Poll implications: The Sooners shouldn't be hurt by the close victory over the unranked Cowboys, who have wins over Boise State and Texas.

Lots of kicks: Oklahoma kicker Austin Seibert became the all-time Big 12 Conference and Oklahoma career scoring records. He scored 12 points against the Cowboys to increase his career total to 458.

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Philadelphia acquires disgruntled Butler in trade with Minnesota

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

Jimmy Butler has his wish: He's out of Minnesota.

And just like that, Philadelphia has a new Big Three — one that could make serious noise in the Eastern Conference.

A person with knowledge of the situation said Saturday that Butler is being traded to the 76ers in a package that will send Dario Saric and Robert Covington to the Timberwolves. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the trade had not yet been announced by either team and was still pending NBA approval, which is not expected until Monday.

Justin Patton will also be sent to Philadelphia, and Jerryd Bayless and a 2022 second-round pick are also going to Minnesota, the person said.

The Athletic first reported the agreement. Because the trade was not official, Sixers coach Brett Brown had little comment.

"I can't speak much about it. I'm sorry," he said before the Sixers played Memphis.

Sixers guard T.J. McConnell said he learned of the deal through social media.

"I didn't think it was true until more reports started coming out," McConnell said. "It's kind of that feeling in your stomach of just like, I mean, you can't really explain it. I was in disbelief."

Philadelphia's "Process" led it to the second round of the playoffs last season behind two of the game's youngest, brightest stars in big man Joel Embiid and point guard Ben Simmons. Butler, an elite wing and outstanding defender, will join them in a quest to

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Minnesota Timberwolves guard Jimmy Butler follows through on a fourth-quarter shot on Oct. 29 in Minneapolis. The Timberwolves have finally granted Butler's request for a trade, sending the disgruntled star to the Philadelphia 76ers, according to sources.

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